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Defence Minister Ariel Sharon is surrounded by a group of soldiers in Lebanon yesterday. (IDF photo)

NEWS ANALYSIS/Hirsh Goodman

No diplomatic solution for W. Beirut

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

There seems to be no diplomatic solution to the problem of the PLO presence in west Beirut.

The guns have been silent for a week, but the Israeli Defence Forces yesterday remained poised to strike at west Beirut — the last stronghold of the 7,000 terrorists and 2,300 Syrian soldiers who remain entrenched in the city.

Philip Habib, the U.S. mediator, has apparently made no progress in his effort to persuade the PLO to leave Beirut. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir has given the Americans notice that Israel's patience is running out.

As one military observer put it to *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "We are at a crossroads."

The situation in the field is that the PLO and Syrians in West Beirut are cut off and surrounded. To the south, the IDF has deployed a sizeable and varied force, concentrated around the Beirut international airport about eight kilometres south of the outer perimeter of PLO influence.

To the west, the Israeli Navy has hermetically sealed the coast, while in the north units control access to and from the city. To the east, Israel controls the Beirut-Damascus highway and the strategically important Bahmadoun-Aley-Jamhour triangle. The stranglehold is complete.

Reports filtering out of Beirut, however, indicate that the PLO is making no move to leave the area under the conditions offered. Instead, they are said to be mining the approaches to the city, building fortified bunkers, setting booby traps and laying charges in high-rise buildings along the IDF's expected entry axis.

Assuming that the impasse continues, Israel has several options. It could allow the diplomatic process to continue while intensifying psychological pressure on the terrorists to lay down their arms and leave.

In fact Israel is already doing this. Kol Yisrael has broadcast several messages to the terrorists and Syrians in its Arabic transmissions to surrender, threatening attack if they do not. Journalists reported

from Beirut yesterday that during the night Israeli planes dropped flares and smokebombs over west Beirut, which they interpreted as psychological warfare.

It is almost impossible to predict the course of events. There are 203 rival armed groups active in west Beirut, and they are split as to whether to leave the city under the terms being offered by Habib, or to fight to the death. There are increasing signs that this split is leading to serious internecine fighting between the factions, causing not only casualties but also further demoralization.

Furthermore, there is no clear estimate of the number of civilians in west Beirut. The most common estimate is that there are about 150,000 in the areas under PLO control (less than half in the city a week ago), and that they are not being allowed to leave. Some civilians are reported to have been taken hostage by the PLO, and Lebanese Forces troops stationed at the exit from the city are not allowing foreign citizens to leave. The ex-

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Jemayal pays surprise visit to Saudi Arabia

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Mideast Reporter
and agencies

Christian Phalange leader Bashir Jemayal, responding to an urgent Saudi call, flew unexpectedly to Riyadh yesterday, in a move apparently intended to help break the current deadlock in the negotiations on the exodus of the besieged PLO forces from Beirut.

Jemayal's departure for Riyadh was reported by the Phalange-run Radio Free Lebanon, which noted the visit was at the request of the Saudis. He was expected to meet with King Fahd to discuss the Palestinian question and the fate of Beirut.

The move could signal the start of an important Saudi initiative, as Riyadh is reputed to enjoy considerable leverage over Jemayal as well as over PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. (The Saudis are reported to have been bank-rolling both leaders for some time, as part of their attempt to maintain a degree of stability in Lebanon and prevent it from exploding into a region-wide conflagration that could threaten their own interests.)

It is not yet clear just what form a Saudi initiative might take — Saudi Arabia has reportedly already been playing an important but low-profile role in the current crisis — but it may be related to the relocation of the PLO fighters once they leave Beirut.

This is apparently one of the major problems exercising U.S. envoy Philip Habib and his fellow negotiators at Ba'abda — and is reported to be a major item on the agenda of the special Arab committee on Lebanon now meeting in the Saudi mountain city of Ta'if.

There has been no agreement yet as to where the evacuees would go, but Lebanese sources said yesterday that the radicals were expected to go to Syria, Iraq and South Yemen while Arafat's Fatah would go to

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other Persian Gulf countries, as well as Algeria.

Another snag, the sources said, involved Arafat's insistence on maintaining a PLO political mission with diplomatic status in the Lebanese capital, a move the U.S. does not object to.

But this condition has been categorically rejected by both Israel and by the Phalange.

Karim Pakradouni, a leading Phalange theoretician, was quoted as saying yesterday that the Phalange would never again accept the PLO as a political or military presence in Lebanon.

"We can have some Palestinian people, but not organized into a party," he said. He added that Lebanon could support "no more than 100,000" to 120,000 Palestinians — one third of the more than 300,000 Palestinians currently living in Lebanon.

It is conceivable that the Saudis may try to get Jemayal to back down on this point, arguing that as it has already been conceded by Washington — in outgoing U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's letter to Prime Minister Menachem Begin earlier this week — the pressure is now on Israel to make this face-saving concession to the PLO.

This was the second time this week that the Phalange pointedly rejected central principles of the negotiations. On Tuesday, Phalange spokesman Pierre Yazbek ruled out any incorporation of Palestinian terrorists into the regular Lebanese Army.

These two ideas have been at the centre of the talks between Lebanese officials and the Palestinians and between the Lebanese government and Habib.

Meanwhile, another potentially explosive problem emerged yesterday when Habib informed leftist leader Walid Jumblatt and Shi'ite

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Sunday set as deadline for Beirut talks

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Israel cabinet meeting scheduled for Sunday morning is now the focus of attention and apprehension in the ongoing crisis over Lebanon. If the diplomatic efforts produce no concrete progress by Sunday, the cabinet will have to consider "other options," well-placed Israeli sources say.

These options, the sources say, need not involve an all-out IDF assault on west Beirut. Israel could decide on selective military actions designed to increase the pressure on the 8,000-odd PLO men still holed-up and holding out in the city. Such actions could serve to "catalyze" the diplomatic negotiations being conducted in Beirut by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib.

The focus shifted to Sunday's regular weekly cabinet meeting when a special meeting tentatively scheduled for today was deferred following talks in Jerusalem yesterday between top Israeli ministers and Habib's chief aide, Morris Draper. Israeli sources said after the talks that Draper had apparently come to Jerusalem specifically to seek a deferment of today's cabinet session.

The sources said that while

Premier Menachem Begin had agreed to the deferment, he certainly gave Draper no reason to doubt that Israel was in deadly earnest in its determination to oust the armed PLO from Lebanon, if not by diplomacy then by military means.

Addressing a Christian delegation yesterday, Begin said that indeed Israel was hesitant to move into Beirut because of IDF and civilian casualties such a military move would involve. But, he stressed, there should be no doubt that the terrorists must leave Beirut.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was quoted by Israeli officials as telling Draper that Israel is "approaching the end of its patience" and that it felt the PLO in Beirut was "playing for time." Israel will no countenance much more of this "foot-dragging," Shamir told the U.S. diplomat.

Draper, who is deputy assistant secretary of state for Near-Eastern affairs, explained at length to Begin, Shamir, and Defence Minister Ariel Sharon the difficulties which Habib and he were encountering in their intensive and protracted negotiations in Beirut.

Habib's strategy, he explained, was to try to weld a broad-based and strongly backed national government out of the disparate

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PLO hiding out in mosques

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — PLO units trapped in West Beirut are hiding in mosques, churches and foreign embassies to avoid capture if the IDF enters the city, civilians fleeing to South Lebanon from West Beirut yesterday told reporters.

They also said the more radical PLO factions were preventing those who fear an Israeli invasion from fleeing.

The refugees said that PLO units were holding civilians hostage and preventing them from leaving the besieged city.

Lebanese drivers said yesterday

they were told the IDF would close the Beirut-Damascus road today.

A Lebanese businessman reported that Syrian forces were seen strengthening their position on the road, bringing in troops and anti-tank weapons, including Sagger missiles.

A group of 12-year-olds, who said they were kidnapped by their teacher in Damascus and forced to join the PLO in the Nabatiya area, were released yesterday by the IDF and returned to Syria through a border station in the Golan Heights. They were found in a cave with a group of 12 terrorists.

**Jerusalem Post poll
Most Israelis support war,
Likud would win election**

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The country overwhelmingly backs the war in Lebanon, but there are differences on the proportions it has assumed. If elections were held now, the Likud would have a landslide victory.

These two conclusions emerge from recently held *Jerusalem Post* polls conducted by the Modi'in Ezrahi Research Institute. Both polls were held between June 21 and June 30, the third week of the war.

Only a tiny minority favours immediately pulling out of Lebanon, while over a quarter of the public thinks the IDF should stay there until a stable government takes office.

Nearly half would remove the troops only after an international force has taken over.

Institute Director Dr. Sara Shemer explains that the sample of 1,236 adults polled by 100 trained interviewers, did not encompass all of those called up to the front. Analysis of the data highlighted the under-representation of men in the 18 to 39 age group, she said.

Shemer pointed out that 93 per cent of the adult public on the home front justifies the operation in varying degrees, and this overwhelming majority embraces both Likud and Labour voters.

Q. "In view of what is known to you, do you think the operation in Lebanon was justified?"

	All replies	Likud voters	Labour voters
Yes, definitely	77.6 per cent		
Yes, reservedly	15.7 per cent		
Total yes	93.3 per cent	98.5 per cent	90.7 per cent
No, reservedly	2.8 per cent		
No, definitely	1.8 per cent		
Total no	4.6 per cent	0.9 per cent	7.0 per cent
Undecided	2.1 per cent		

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**Sharon's 'dream':
overthrow Hussein**

PARIS (UPI). — Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon told close friends that if he were prime minister, he would help the Palestinians establish a state in Jordan by overthrowing King Hussein, the daily newspaper *Le Matin* reported yesterday.

Le Matin published a reconstruction of Sharon's "dream" as he reportedly described it to personal friends after Tuesday's Knesset debate.

Sharon said that, as prime minister, he would give Hussein 24 hours to leave Amman which would then become the capital of an independent Palestinian state.

Sharon reportedly said that the creation of the new state would be followed by a transition period during which the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip would be determined, "depending on the relations which would develop between our two countries."

As prime minister, Sharon would propose negotiations with the Palestinians of the status of the two Israeli-administered territories and eventually establish an Israeli-Palestinian federation or confederation, the newspaper reported.

Display of captured arms

Jerusalem Post Staff

An exhibition of equipment captured during the war in Lebanon will open tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds at 8 p.m., the IDF spokesman announced yesterday.

The exhibit will include equipment captured from the PLO and Syrian forces during the war. It will be open daily between 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Entrance is free of charge.

No Israel-U.S. exchange on military lessons of war

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. has not yet asked Israel to share any of the lessons learned during the fighting in Lebanon, Israeli officials here said yesterday.

The officials denied an ABC news report that Israel has so far refused to make available to the Pentagon any captured Soviet-made equipment or to explain the exact techniques used to knock out Syria's SAM missile batteries and T-72 tanks. "We simply haven't been asked"

said one Israeli official. "If the U.S. asks us for such information, we will make it available to them — as we always have in the past."

Under secretary of defence for policy planning, Dr. Fred Ikle, told a group in New York earlier this week that the actual military lessons learned from the Lebanon fighting did not appear to be very significant for the U.S.

He differentiated between the fighting in Lebanon and the Falkland Islands, insisting that the military lessons from the Falklands were indeed important.

Ikle's remarks raised eyebrows here since U.S. officials have privately expressed a keen interest in learning exactly how Israel managed to score such impressive aerial and ground victories against Syria's front-line Soviet-supplied equipment.

The *Washington Post* reported yesterday that Israel may have developed a super weapon still in the experimental stage in the U.S. to knock out dozens of Syrian tanks in the Bek'a Valley.

Quoting western specialists in Beirut, the newspaper said that

evidence indicates that Israel employed a weapon resembling the American SADARM (Sense and Destroy Armour) still in the test stage in the U.S.

Pentagon officials said it was possible that "Israel had gone beyond the U.S. in perfecting that type of weapon. If this turns out to be the case, officials said, they would consider it a stunning technical achievement, given the problems that have plagued the American development of the SADARM and anti-tank weapons like it."

NEWS ANALYSIS/Wolf Blitzer

Reagan's press conference shows he's Israel's best friend

WASHINGTON. — President Ronald Reagan once again has demonstrated that he remains Israel's best friend in the administration.

Answering questions on a nationally televised White House news conference Wednesday night, the president demonstrated continued, strong understanding — if not actual support — for Israel's predicament in Lebanon while condemning the PLO.

Regarding the current situation in

Lebanon, he called for:

1. A strengthening of the central Lebanese government which "will have control of their own country" and have "a single Lebanese army."

2. "The guaranteeing of the southern border with Israel so there would be no longer a force in Lebanon that could — when it chose — create acts of terror across that border."

3. The removing of "all foreign forces — Syrians, Israelis, and

armed PLO — out of Lebanon."

The president, bombarded with questions on Lebanon and on Secretary of State Alexander Haig's resignation, was reluctant to discuss either issue in much detail.

Regarding Lebanon, he repeatedly said that the negotiations were now at a very sensitive stage. "I don't want to say anything that might in any way affect those negotiations...I just have to remain silent."

Regarding Haig's resignation,

Reagan said the American people have no need to obtain any additional information about it right now. "If I thought there was something involved in this that the American people needed to know with regard to their own welfare then I would be frank with the American people and tell them."

Reagan was mildly critical of Israel on two points: While he understood what had originally

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Haifa	35	20—30	30
Beersheba	43	23—32	30
Jerusalem	50	20—30	28
Tel Aviv	59	23—31	28
Haifa	57	32—30	29
Beersheba	39	33—38	35
Jerusalem	69	33—38	35
Tel Aviv	66	32—33	31
Haifa	12	23—42	40

Daylight saving before High Court

The High Court of Justice yesterday ordered the interior minister to show cause within 20 days why he should not institute daylight-saving time immediately through October.

The order was issued by a three-member bench comprising Court President Yitzhak Kahan and Justices Menahem Elon and Shoshanna Netanyahu. The applicants are Ezra Berger, general manager of the Tel Aviv edible-oils

company; the Iscar metals company, whose owner is former Knesset member Stef Wertheimer; Kibbutz Merhavia, which engages in agriculture and industry; tourism operator Gavriel Daus; and engineer Ze'ev Segal, an energy-conservation expert.

The applicants contend that the failure to institute daylight-saving time here is preventing an increase of an average of at least 15 per cent

in productivity at their plants for every hour of additional daylight.

They cite a survey of the Electric Corporation that reportedly says that moving the clock back an hour would save about IS300 million this year — at March electricity rates.

They also cite a statement by the Religious Affairs Ministry's legal adviser to the Knesset Interior and Environmental Affairs Committee to the effect that daylight-saving time does not contravene Halacha. (Iim)

Treasury printed IS3.3b. in June

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury pumped IS3.3 billion into the economy during June, slightly less than May's monetary injection of IS3.7 billion. Sources at the Bank of Israel stressed yesterday that the June total was affected only marginally by government expenditures caused by the war in Lebanon and reflects mainly the high level of public spending which existed prior to the war.

The amount of money printed during the April-June period, the first quarter of the fiscal year 1982-3, was some IS8.8b., accounting for more than half of the annual projected sum for this fiscal year.

Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum will present next week his periodic report on the increase of the means of payment which traditionally contains recommendations on economic policy.

Mandelbaum has repeatedly warned that the high level of public

spending will accelerate the rate of inflation, and the monetary figures disclosed yesterday are seen by economic observers as a reinforcement of his case.

The figures also show that during last month the Bank of Israel absorbed a net IS1.7b., from the public through the sale of bonds. In total the government spent some IS5b. in excess of its revenues during June, leaving IS3.3b. as the net figure for added money in circulation.

Soares delays leaving to meet Jumblatt

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former Portuguese prime minister Mario Soares, who arrived here on Monday to assess the situation in Lebanon on behalf of the Socialist International, has delayed his departure in order to meet Lebanese leftist leader Walid Jumblatt.

Soares was to have left this morning. His postponed meeting with Jumblatt, chief ally of the PLO in Lebanon, will take place today.

During his stay here Soares met with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Labour Chairman Shimon Peres. Yesterday, he spent the day in Lebanon, where he visited a number of towns and villages.

Begin, in his meeting with Soares on Tuesday, urged him to try to see things from "the Israeli point of view, too. I am not asking you to

support me, but to support Shimon Peres." Begin said later that Soares did not promise to support Peres.

The meeting with Peres was held against a background of opposition to Israel among European socialist parties, coupled with scathing criticism of the Israeli Labour Party's support of the war in Lebanon. Thus, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky went as far as to question the party's socialist credentials. Peres told Soares that "Kreisky, who embraced (Yasser) Arafat and encouraged (Muammar) Gaddafi, can't lecture Israel about not being 'democratic or socialist enough.' He explained that the PLO in Lebanon posed a real and grave danger to northern Israel. Soares made no comment, making do with questions.

Speaking at a meeting of Labour's political bureau yesterday, Chairman Shimon Peres said that the European socialist criticism of

"Israel's use of force to solve the Palestinian problem" should be balanced by a criticism of the PLO's use of force against Israel.

Soares is due to report his impressions to the Socialist International presidium, which is then expected to formulate its official position on the war.

In Stockholm, meanwhile, the Swedish Labour Zionist movement issued a statement condemning the extension of the Israeli invasion into Lebanon beyond the 40-kilometer security zone. It expressed "understanding" for the initial goals, but said the loss of life and damage caused by the extension are "not in proportion to the military advantages achieved."

"An attack on west Beirut would be an appalling end to the war. Many innocent lives would be lost and it would also cause irreparable damage to Israel and the entire Jewish people," the statement said.

50% off in hotels for the fighting men

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAHARIYA. — Soldiers who participated in Operation Peace for Galilee, along with their families, will be eligible for a 50% discount in 20 hotels throughout the country during July.

This was announced yesterday by Tourism Minister Avraham Sharif, at a conference of the Tourism Council, which was held at the Nahariya Carlton Hotel, in solidarity with the residents of the Galilee.

A list of participating hotels will be published today and many others are expected to join during the next few days.

Kopel vice-president Shmuel Pilovski said that soldiers would not be charged a commission at all

Kopel agencies, Sharif said that the tourism industry in Israel had been "severely damaged" by the war. No new reservations had been received for the rest of the summer, he said.

Representatives of hotels and travel agencies said that tourism circles are still in the dark regarding the prospects for tourism this summer.

Sarah Yisraeli, a representative of the Kibbutz Guest House Association, said that the Galilee guest houses had been dealt a particularly severe blow, since tourists were not aware that the Galilee is now quiet and may be visited safely. She urged the Tourism Ministry to begin its YAEI (Israelis Ascend to the Galilee) project immediately, in order that the rest of the season might be saved.

Police probe Haifa U water poisoning

HAIFA (Iim). — Haifa police have set up a special investigating unit to look into the poisoning of 22 students from Haifa University, caused by drinking tea and coffee from the cafeteria's water boiler, police chief Arye Ivizan announced yesterday.

The decision to set up an investigating unit was taken after it was discovered that the poison was similar in its effects to nerve gas. Samples of the water in the boiler and in the university's water system have been undergoing extensive tests. Police have imposed a complete blackout on the results of the preliminary checks.

Of the 22 students rushed to hospital after drinking tea and coffee in the cafeteria on Tuesday, 19 have been released. Three of the victims are still undergoing treatment in Rothschild Hospital here.

Moshav man suspected of killing his wife

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SHA'AR EPHRAIM. — A resident of Moshav Sha'ar Ephraim was remanded in custody by the Kfar Sava magistrate court yesterday, on suspicion of murdering his wife.

The victim, Yona Sha'ar, was found dead on Tuesday two days after her husband Shlomo informed police that she had disappeared. Before she disappeared, Yona Sha'ar withdrew IS100,000 from the bank.

After the body was discovered police found a blood-stained sheet and a broken mirror in the Sha'ar home. The suspect maintains that he was in reserves the day the murder appears to have been committed.

2 teenagers held in Beersheba robbery

BEERSHEBA (Iim). — Two teenagers are to be charged in the local district court today with holding up a kiosk owner and robbing him of IS15,000 on June 13.

Yesterday, Juvenile Court Judge Shlomo Nachmias ordered them remanded into custody for 24 hours, after the police representative said there was prima facie evidence that the two indeed committed the armed robbery.

Ex-Yamit rabbi gets suspended sentence

GAZA (Iim). — The former rabbi of Yamit, Yisrael Ariel, was yesterday given a six-month suspended sentence by the Gaza military court for having incited IDF soldiers to disobey orders earlier this year. The military prosecutor, Rav-Seren Yehoshua Halevi, told the court that he was asking for this sentence in view of the changes since February when Ariel committed the offence and of the present situation. Ariel was a leader of the Movement to Stop the Withdrawal from Sinai.

Ariel's lawyer, Avraham Ganzvi, told the court that at a time when the rabbi's students are serving at the front (he is the head of a *heder yeshiva*), it would be doing him an injustice to recall the past.



Dr. Michael Sheiniss tends to a young patient in his clinic — in Rachaya, eastern Lebanon. Sheiniss, a member of Kibbutz Gvulot, served with an armoured battalion during the fighting against the Syrians. But immediately after the present cease-fire went into effect, he was asked by his commanding officer to take over from the Rachaya doctor, who had disappeared during the fighting. Word of the Israeli doctor has spread through the area and long lines greet him in the clinic's waiting room every morning. The doctor is assisted by a local nurse, Claudia, and Yossi Levi, a combat medic who immigrated from Beirut 12 years ago. (IDF photo)

Israelis returning from U.S. in reverse brain drain

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The worsening economic situation in the U.S. over the past year appears to have stimulated a growing number of college-educated Israelis in the U.S. and Canada to head home.

This conclusion is contained in a report for 1981 recently prepared by the Israeli government bureau in New York assigned to locate skilled manpower interested in returning and match it to employment opportunities in Israel. The bureau is part of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

The report notes that 1,121 persons used the bureau's services last year in arranging their return to Israel, 104 fewer than in 1980. Since July last year, however, the monthly average shot up from about 35 to 150, a trend that has continued into 1982.

A growing number of Israeli employers in electronics, computers and other science-based fields, the report says, have been taking advantage of the computerized file of Israeli professionals interested in returning home. At the end of 1981, the file contained detailed data on 2,432 people, and partial information on another 1,300.

The bureau sets up meetings between the candidates and Israeli employers visiting North America, or by providing standing loans to candidates to pay for 50 per cent of travel expenses to Israel for job-seeking pilot trips. If the candidate returns to Israel, the loan becomes a grant. About 80 per cent of those who took advantage of the loan eventually resettled in Israel.

Of the 2,432 registered at the end of 1981, 43 per cent (1,046) held Ph.D. degrees, and over 50 per cent have lived abroad for more than seven years.

Over 50 per cent of those returning last year had been abroad less than four years.

Farmers won't sign Agrexco contracts

By YITZHAK OKED

TEL AVIV. — A stormy meeting at the agricultural centre here yesterday, vegetable growers from different parts of the country decided not to sign contracts with Agrexco for fall and winter crops because of the low prices offered and the cut in credit.

The farmers are thus trying to pressure Agrexco and the government for better terms. Some sort of agreement will be reached in the coming weeks, it is believed.

The source said that while some farmers had been called up others were being discharged, and he did not foresee any shortage during the coming months.

Ida Nudel forced to leave Moscow

MOSCOW (AP). — Ida Nudel, the Soviet Jewish refusenik who served a term of banishment in Siberia for trying to emigrate to Israel, said yesterday she was leaving Moscow because authorities refused her a city residence permit.

"I am taking the train tonight to Riga," the 51-year-old economist told Western correspondents. "It is lawless. I have the right to be registered in Moscow. But the authorities, of course, do what they want."

Nudel returned to Moscow last March after spending four years in a remote settlement in Siberia. She was sent there after being convicted of "malicious hooliganism" for hanging posters from the balcony of her Moscow apartment demanding a Soviet exit visa.

Soviet authorities refused to renew her residence permit and told her to find a new home elsewhere in the Soviet Union after she vowed to continue her struggle to join her sister in Israel.

"I have the right to appear in Moscow, but only for three-day periods," she said, several hours before boarding the train for Soviet Latvia, where she will live temporarily with friends.

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Peace Now: Sharon must go, let's talk to the Palestinians

Jerusalem Post Staff

Peace Now sent letters yesterday to all government ministers except for Defence Minister Ariel Sharon urging them to prevent an IDF invasion into west Beirut. The Peace Now spokesman explained that the defence minister was excluded from the appeal, sent prior to the cabinet meeting this morning, because the members of the movement, in the war and home fronts "have lost all faith in the minister, who deceived the cabinet and public during all stages of the war."

In the letter, Peace Now activists say that "they are convinced that the cost of an invasion into west Beirut will be too great to bear, in terms of loss of life, physical damage and damage to Israel's international image." The letter is

signed by Prof. Elihu Katz, on behalf of the movement's secretariat. Both Katz's sons are at the front.

Tomorrow, Peace Now will hold a mass protest meeting in Kikar Malchei Yisrael in Tel Aviv, at 7 p.m., calling for the resignation of Sharon, and for an immediate cessation of hostilities. It will also call for opening negotiations with the Palestinians. Among the speakers will be reservists who have recently returned from the front in Lebanon.

The movement's spokesman said that since announcing the demonstration, Peace Now offices have had scores of telephone threats. Tel Aviv police said yesterday that they will be on guard to ensure that the demonstration proceeds quietly.

Five reserve officers ask for moratorium on debate

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Five reserve officers who participated in the Lebanon action and are now out of uniform yesterday called for a "cease-fire" in the "war" between those who support the action and its opponents.

The four pilots and a tank-corps rav-seren (major) also urged Peace Now to cancel the demonstration scheduled to take place here tomorrow night and called on the press, politicians and high-ranking reserve officers to stop expressing views for or against the war "until we're sure the war is over."

At a press conference yesterday, the five said that the debate in Israel over whether or not we should go into west Beirut will only strengthen

the terrorists' will to hang on, and may leave us in the end with only the military option. If we present a united front, they said, we might have a better chance to get what we want by negotiations.

They also expressed the fear that the army will start fighting against itself — soldiers supporting the Peace Now view against others, or even soldiers obeying only officers whose political views they accept.

"We know it's a scoop to write that one group of reserve officers says this, and another says that," said Rav-Seren Danny, a pilot and the group's chief spokesman. "But please tone it down," he begged the press and the general public, "until the war is over. We can debate in another six months, or whenever all the soldiers will be home."

Legal aid centre set up for soldiers

TEL AVIV (Iim). — A new centre for free legal aid and advice during emergencies has been established by the Judge Advocate General corps, the IDF spokesman announced yesterday. The purpose of the centre is to help soldiers and their families with any legal problems which have arisen as a result of their serving in the Peace for Galilee operation.

The centre, staffed by some of the

country's top legal experts, will answer questions on such subjects as debts and contractual obligations, financial rights of soldiers and their families, and planned activities, such as flights and trips, which cannot be realized.

Soldiers and their families may go personally to the centre, located in the Law Department of Tel Aviv University, or may phone 03-695128/9/0 or 03-420359.

Fallen medical school alumni honoured

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Seven graduates of the Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School who fell in battle during Operation Peace for Galilee were mourned in a minute's silence yesterday at the Ein Karem campus

during a graduation ceremony for 184 students.

Of the 184 graduates, 93 were awarded Doctor of Medicine degrees and 30 Doctor of Dentistry degrees. Masters degrees in medical sciences were awarded to 61 students.

Syria disengaged from Lebanon, says expert

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Syria has practically given up its involvement in the Lebanese crisis, according to Yosef Olmert, a Shiloah Institute researcher.

Speaking at the Rotary Club here yesterday, Olmert said he inferred this from a Ba'ath Party declaration last week that Syria was unable to protect the PLO in Lebanon because it (Syria) had been abandoned by other Arab countries and had failed to get from the Soviet Union the kind of support Israel received from the U.S.

Indeed, Olmert said, Syria has been ostracized in the Arab world because it had invaded an Arab country — Lebanon — and supported a non-Arab country, Iran, against an Arab country, Iraq.

FARES. — Train fares yesterday went up by an average 15 per cent, in line with the general fare increases in public transport. A trip on the Haifa-Tel Aviv line now costs IS40, up from IS35; on the Haifa-Jerusalem line IS65 (IS56) and between Haifa and Nahariya IS14 (IS12).



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motivated Israel to move into Lebanon — he called it an "invasion" despite Prime Minister Begin's oft-stated rejection of that word — the president said that the matter could indeed have been resolved through peaceful diplomatic means. He denied that the U.S. had any advance warning from Israel about the attack.

He also expressed his concern over Israel's use of cluster bombs during the fighting, yet he refused to say flatly that Israel had violated the terms under which the U.S. had sold Israel that lethal weapon: i.e., that they be used defensively and not offensively. The legal case, he said, was "very ambiguous" since the PLO had earlier shelled Israeli towns in the north with Soviet arms. The U.S. government, he said, was continuing its investigation into the entire matter, as required by law.

Earlier Wednesday evening, CBS news, quoting White House sources, said the president was considering imposing new sanctions against Israel if it should actually move its forces into Beirut. The network's White House correspondent said that among the punitive options under consideration were an end to new arms sales to Israel and even a cutoff of those arms already in the pipeline.

Reagan refused to comment on any possible steps he might take if Israel moved into Beirut. However, he corrected his White House spokesman who said last week that Begin had "promised" not to move into Beirut. Reagan said that Larry Speakes had not "heard the conversation between Prime Minister Begin and myself." There was no flat Israeli promise, Reagan said, explaining that Begin had said only that Israel "didn't want" to go into Beirut.

About the Israeli assault in Lebanon, Reagan admitted that "We were caught by surprise as much as anyone. We wanted a diplomatic solution and we believe there could have been one."

Reagan also denied that there had been any "mixed signals" to the PLO coming from the Administration — one tough stance advanced by Haig and a softer position taken by other Administration officials. "There has never been any dual track or confusion with regard to our communication," he said.

Reagan repeatedly praised incoming Secretary of State George Shultz as a man of great integrity. "There is going to be no change in foreign policy," he said.

The president reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to step up the search for a solution to the Palestinian question once the immediate crisis

in Lebanon is resolved. Insisting that everyone should "differentiate between the PLO and the Palestinians," Reagan said that there is a need to resolve the Palestinian question "within the proposals and suggestions that were made in the Camp David accords."

He was quite critical of the PLO and its attacks against Israeli civilians in northern Israel.

"We have a situation in Lebanon in which there was a force — the PLO — which literally was a government within a government and, with its own army, they had pursued aggression themselves across a border by way of rocket firing and artillery barrages," he said. "We want the bloodshed to end, there's no question about that."

Reagan said Lebanon had been divided into factions for seven years, "each faction with its own militia."

There was no government in control, he continued. "We have seen this PLO and we have seen the invasion of other forces — the presence of the Syrians in Lebanon."

Meanwhile, earlier on Wednesday, Ambassador Moshe Arens, accompanied by a visiting Israeli general who had just arrived from the fighting in Lebanon, briefed members of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the latest situation on the ground.

Israeli sources said Arens had been well received by the members, who only last week had given Begin such a hard time during his meeting with them.

The same panel was also secretly briefed by Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel on the U.S. version of the current situation. Later, Chairman Charles Percy of Illinois said the U.S. had flatly warned Israel against entering Beirut.

Despite the upbeat assessment by Arens, other congressional sources said Israel's standing on Capitol Hill has indeed suffered a major setback by the widespread reports of extensive civilian casualties in Lebanon and the use of cluster bombs.

Thus, these congressional sources — as well as most other U.S. officials — were genuinely surprised by Reagan's rather understanding stance taken toward Israel during his news conference.

Either the president is truly a sincere friend, one source said, or he simply was afraid to upset Begin during this extremely delicate stage in the negotiations to resolve this situation diplomatically.

Yet a pattern has emerged: The president, on several earlier occasions, also had expressed stronger support for controversial Israeli actions than his aides.



A mother and her son return to Sidon yesterday. (Rahamin Israeli)

Iran closes embassy in Bonn

BONN (Reuters). — Iran yesterday closed its embassy and consulates in West Germany indefinitely in protest against a decision to deport 16 Iranian students involved in violent clashes in Mainz in April.

Embassy spokesman Hassan Sarav said the move fell short of breaking off diplomatic relations and the West German embassy in Teheran would be allowed to function normally "for the moment."

A court in Koblenz on Wednesday rejected an appeal by the 16 student supporters of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini against deportation and a police spokesman said they would be expelled within days.

The students were among 84 Iranians arrested when Khomeini supporters armed with knives, knuckledusters and clubs attacked dissident Iranian students at the Mainz University campus.

Europeans hit Turkish repression

PARIS. — France, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands yesterday filed complaints with the European Commission for Human Rights in Strasbourg alleging violation of human rights, political repression and torture in Turkey.

A statement by the French External Relations Ministry said France was filing its complaint because of concern over reports which alleged that "basic principles concerning human rights were not being applied in Turkey."

The Commission must examine the complaints and then produce a report with a concluding opinion to the committee of ministers of the 21-nation Council of Europe.

French officials said the decision to go ahead with their complaint was taken after Turkey had blocked a proposal in April to set up a procedure within the committee of ministers to gather information on human rights among member states.

In Istanbul, Abdullah Basturk, the leader of the suspended Disk labour confederation, told a military court yesterday he was regularly beaten by police interrogators during the early stage of his detention.

Basturk and other unionists were seized within hours after the September 1980 military takeover intended to stop left-right armed feuding that had taken about 5,000 lives in the 1975-80 period. (Reuters, AP)

Sri Lankan hijacker gets his way

BANGKOK (UPI). — A Sri Lankan hijacker of an Alitalia plane freed his hostages yesterday and took off for home aboard a commercial flight with his wife, child and \$300,000 in ransom.

Reporters watched from the airport terminal as the hijacker identified as Sepala Ekanayake, 33, boarded a regularly scheduled Air Lanka flight to Colombo, carrying a shoulder bag believed to contain the \$300,000 paid by Alitalia.

Thai airport security police accompanied Ekanayake, his Italian wife Anna and three-year-old son Frey onto the plane, but witnesses said it did not appear the Sri Lankan was bound or held prisoner. Communications Minister Amorn Sirikaya, in charge of the

negotiations with the hijacker, said Ekanayake's demands for the money and reunion with his estranged wife and son had been met to safeguard the lives of the passengers and crew aboard the hijacked Boeing 747.

"They have not done anything to the Thai government," Amorn said. "My job is to make sure that all passengers and crew members are taken off safe and sound."

"Whether he is going to be punished or what in Sri Lanka is not our concern."

Ekanayake, wanted in Austria and Pakistan on drug charges, hijacked the jet on a flight from New Delhi to Tokyo shortly before a scheduled stop at Bangkok on Wednesday.

Astronauts clear way for touchdown

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI). — The space shuttle astronauts successfully closed and latched Columbia's cargo bay doors yesterday after they were warmed by the sun, clearing the way for the landing Sunday in California.

"Okay, they closed normally," said mission commander Thomas "Ken" Mattingly, as controllers in Houston watched the seven-minute operation on television from the spacecraft.

"Everything looks good to us," replied Brewster Shaw in mission control.

The doors covering the payload bay have to be closed before the ship can begin its dive back into the atmosphere. The astronauts had been prepared to walk in space to close them manually if necessary.

One of the doors warped temporarily and refused to latch Wednesday when the payload bay was kept in the frigid shade for most of the day. A similar latch problem — without the warping — occurred in severe cold on the last mission and was corrected by warming the mechanism.

USSR to Arabs: use oil as weapon

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union yesterday called on Arab countries to put aside their differences and use oil as a weapon against the U.S. and Israel.

The appeal for Arab unity was carried by the official Soviet news agency in a commentary warning that recently increased "U.S.-Zionist propaganda...deplorably" was receiving a positive response in Arab countries "leaning toward the U.S."

Tass said because of their differences, the countries may deliberately forget their combined potential.

Tass also said that U.S. President Ronald Reagan displayed cynicism and tried to mislead the public on the Lebanese issue during his latest news conference.

"Reagan, of course, chose not to emphasize the fact that on the eve of the aggression there had been intensive talks in Washington with one of the chief architects of the invasion of Lebanon, Israeli Defence Minister (Ariel) Sharon, and that immediately after the Israeli invasion the White House gave a red carpet welcome to Israeli Prime Minister (Menachem) Begin," Tass said.

In telling reporters he had given Israel "no green light" to invade Lebanon, "the president tried to mislead public opinion by his answers and to confuse the Arab states," Tass said.

"As for Reagan's claims that the U.S. sought a diplomatic settlement of the conflict in the Middle East and does not want bloodshed, attention should be drawn to the fact that the U.S. representative to the (UN) Security Council imposed a veto on France's draft resolution on Lebanon," Tass said. It added that adoption of the resolution would have helped achieve a diplomatic settlement.

The Soviet news agency, in its report from Washington, also said "it was with the utmost cynicism" that Reagan expressed concern over the use by Israel of U.S.-made cluster bombs in Lebanon.

Tass also said the U.S. and Israel were instilling skepticism in the Arab world about its own strength, were discrediting Soviet-manufactured weapons in use in the Lebanese conflict and were trying to demonstrate "that Israeli aggressors and their overseas patrons are omnipotent."

Ban lifted on S. Africa's first house detainee

JOHANNESBURG (UPI). — Helen Joseph, the first person in South Africa to be placed under house arrest, yesterday enjoyed her first day in 20 years without a banning order. She was originally house arrested in 1962.

Speaking from her home in Johannesburg yesterday, Joseph, 77, looked back on a quarter century of detentions, trials, bannings and harassment.

"It's a great day," she said. "I'll never ban myself. I look forward now to attending political gatherings and to speaking at meetings on campus." She vowed to lead the same life as before. "I feel they won't ban me again today... I think I've won this round," she said.

The British-born Joseph came to South Africa from India in 1931. As national secretary of the South African Federation of Women in



Helen Joseph, as photographed in 1971. (UPI/telephoto)

passport law affecting black women.

Joseph's house arrest in 1962 meant she could not leave her house, except to report daily to the police. For nine years she could not be visited by friends or attend gatherings.

In 1971, the government granted permission for her to receive emergency treatment for cancer. In hospital, she was allowed one visitor at a time. Shortly after her 75th birthday, she was banned again for two years.

Though her banning order has now expired, Joseph remains a "listed" person under South Africa's anti-communist legislation. As such, she still cannot be quoted in South Africa's press media nor be published in any form — a ban which extends to all listed persons even after their deaths.

Russia cuts telephone links with Austria

VIENNA (UPI). — The Soviet Union blocked all telephone lines from Austria to Moscow yesterday in a move to restrict communication between Russian emigres and their relatives at home, a telephone company spokesman said.

The spokesman said both manual and direct-dial lines registered the unobtainable signal of 2 p.m.

The Soviet Union announced plans last month to cut direct-dial services from Britain, France, West Germany, the U.S., and Austria, from July 1. But Austrian officials said earlier they believed the Russians had responded to their plea to hold off until the end of the World Cup soccer championship.

Soviet officials said the cuts were necessary for technical reasons. But western communications experts denied these were technical problems with the telephone links. Austria is negotiating with Hungary and Yugoslavia to reroute the lines.

Angolan rebels seize 35 foreign nationals

LISBON (UPI). — Angola's rebel movement claimed yesterday its guerrillas killed 187 government and allied Cuban soldiers in a recent two-week period and seized 35 European and South American civilian hostages.

In a "War Communique," the National Union for Angola's Total Independence (UNITA) said it took 18 Portuguese, 13 Spaniards, two Brazilians, a Swiss woman and an Argentine woman captive in attacks between June 1-16.

Most of the hostages were thought to be technicians working for the Marxist regime, but several appeared to be Catholic or Protestant missionaries, sources in Lisbon said.

DEPARTURE. — Tass reported yesterday that Vietnam Communist Party Leader Le Duan left the Soviet Union, giving the first indication that he had even been in the USSR at all.

Army man becomes Argentine president

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Retired General Reynaldo Bignone was sworn in as Argentina's new president yesterday in a ceremony that was shunned by Air Force Commander Basilio Lami Dozo.

Brigadier Lami Dozo and Navy Commander Jorge Isaac Anaya withdrew their political support from the ruling military junta last week in protest over the appointment of an army man as president. The army assumed sole charge of government.

But the ceremony at the presidential Pink House was attended by Admiral Anaya. General Bignone was sworn in by Army Commander Cristiano Nicolaidis.

The leadership crisis was provoked by the downfall of President Leopoldo Galtieri, who was forced from office after Argentina's defeat in the battle with Britain for the Falkland Islands.

General Bignone, 62, has won the approval of the main political parties by pledging to restore democratic rule within two years and by lifting a ban on political activity.

U.S. ban won't halt Japan-Soviet deal

TOKYO (Reuters). — The Soviet Union has told Japan that it will proceed with a joint project for oil and gas development off the Soviet island of Sakhalin, despite Washington's ban on the use of U.S. technology, the Japanese partner said yesterday.

The extension of the ban to subsidiaries and foreign licensees of U.S. firms is likely to block the use of electrical logging equipment made by the Schlumberger Company for drilling operations in the Sakhalin project.

The president of the Sakhalin Oil Development Cooperation Company (SODECO), Sadao Kobayashi, told reporters that he obtained an assurance that the project would go ahead from the Soviet Foreign Trade Ministry in Moscow earlier this week.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Japan was still waiting for a reply from the U.S. to its request for reconsideration of the decision to extend the ban on sales of U.S. advanced technology

to the Soviet Union.

The spokesman said that letters requesting exemption for the Sakhalin project were sent on June 22 by Foreign Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and International Trade Minister Shintaro Abe to their U.S. counterparts.

Lebanese crisis cuts Algerian festivities

ALGIERS (AP). — Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid has scaled down substantially next week's festivities marking his nation's 20th anniversary of independence because of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

A presidential announcement Wednesday said the official parade fireworks display and receptions throughout the country and abroad would be cancelled as a "sign of solidarity of the Algerian people with their brothers in Lebanon and the Palestinian people in their struggle."

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Political Correspondent Mark Segal talks to Eliahu Ben-Elissar about the effects of the Lebanon war

ELIAHU BEN-ELISSAR, the seventh chairman of the Knesset Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee, was sceptical that the PLO would voluntarily take itself out of West Beirut, noting in a Wednesday afternoon interview in his Knesset office, "After all a scorpion, whatever its disguises, is still a scorpion."

While he most certainly would prefer the IDF not to have to go into West Beirut, if there is no political way out of the present situation, "then we have a number of options. What is absolutely clear is that the PLO will not be able to remain in West Beirut."

Ben-Elissar, at 50, has become one of the Likud's most skillful spokesmen. It was apparent, he says, from the moment the IDF started moving on June 6 that the operation was aimed at putting an end to the terrorist scourge across Israel's northern border.

The initial target of a 45-kilometre terrorist-free zone implied that the PLO threat would be uprooted. "It was unimaginable that we would have reached Sidon, and then let the PLO carry on with its terrorist business as usual," he declared.

Ben-Elissar said that anyone who had properly understood the initial cabinet statement on the Peace for Galilee operation and its targets could see the scope in the first clause of the four-clause announcement, which read: "To instruct the IDF to place all the civilian population of the Galilee beyond the range of the terrorists' fire from Lebanon, where they, their bases and their headquarters are concentrated."

He stressed that the operative phrase, in this connection, was "where they, their bases and their headquarters are concentrated."

How long did he expect Zahal to stay in Lebanon? "The shortest possible time, on condition we can assure Israel's essential interest."

THE DEFENCE and Foreign Affairs committee had just completed its session, as the debris on the circular table indicated. On one wall of the Knesset office were portraits of Israel's first four prime ministers, David Ben-Gurion, Moshe Sharrit, Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir, and on the other were portraits of the first four committee chairmen, Zelman Aranne (1949-51) and Meir Argov (1951-63). The rule, he said, is that only the dead are so honoured: there were no pictures of the four committee chairmen between Argov and Ben-Elissar who are still very much with us: David Hacohen, Haim Zadok, Yitzhak Navon and Moshe Arens.

Also hanging in Ben-Elissar's office is a huge photographic blow-up of the Western Wall and Temple Mount. It has moved with Ben-Elissar from the Prime Minister's Office, to the first Israel Embassy in Cairo to the Knesset.

The committee chairman vigorously rejected Opposition charges that there had not been parliamentary control over the military operation in Lebanon. He stressed the difference between the executive branch of the government and the legislative branch of which the committee was only a part. Nonetheless, it had been constantly kept informed of events.

"I don't think we have ever had a war when the committee had almost

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daily briefings from the defence minister and senior army officers," he declared.

Ben-Elissar said the committee's prestige had been augmented by its members from the Opposition bench, a former premier, and two former chiefs-of-staff. Indeed, it is the only regular forum where the Opposition leadership regularly meets with the government.

Had the committee been misled about the war's direction? Ben-Elissar declared that anyone with an educated understanding of the problems could have grasped where things were heading. That certainly was the case for the contingent of defence experts in the Opposition caucus.

THE SUGGESTION that Ariel Sharon had hijacked the government and the Knesset committee and had taken the war where he had wanted it to go drew an irate response.

"Absolute rubbish," said Ben-Elissar. "Do you really think one minister can push an entire cabinet where he wants? Or the entire Knesset Defence and Foreign Affairs committee? That's an insult to these men's intelligence."

The rapid changes in the operation's publicly declared aims were explained as a function of the momentum of battle. Ben-Elissar took examples from the Six Day War: "No one planned for the war to go so swiftly, certainly not with Jordan or Syria. Our aim this time was to free the northern part of our country from the enemy artillery

and Katyusha bombardments. There was no intention of tangling with the Syrians. True, there were those who predicted that the Syrians would not sit on the sidelines. I can assure you that the Opposition was aware of the various prognoses."

He discounted talk of a crisis of confidence in the government over the war. Such talk was, "quite artificial and does not reflect public sentiment. I do believe that most of our people are glad that the PLO has been dealt such a devastating blow."

How did he then explain the phenomenon of dissent in wartime? "The reality of war has not changed, nor the Middle East. Neither have the Jews or the Arabs. The only thing that is different is the party in opposition. It's the first time that there has been an attempt to distinguish between the IDF and the government in wartime."

As to charges that it was Sharon who directed the army to open fire on the Syrians, Ben-Elissar defended those battle initiatives. "We could not leave the terrorists under Syrian sponsorship 18 km. from Metulla. After all, we have lifted the threat from over Nahariya, so we could hardly leave Kiryat Shmona, Metulla and other northern outposts under the threat of enemy fire. There was no alternative, for the Syrians wished to stay put, protecting their terrorist gangs."

Did he question the dissenters' sincerity? Isn't the problem the lack of veracity in what the defence minister says?

He shook his head vigorously. Some of the dissenters, he said, a priori never trust the government, and once they began raising questions, they opened the door to the others. "If such informed people as members of the Defence and Foreign Affairs committee could permit themselves to voice their criticism publicly, then the rest could feel free to open up too," he declared.

He would not allow that the criticism began with the war, and especially Sharon's supposed steamrolling within the cabinet and its Likud caucus. "There never was a war in this country when a range of voices was not heard from the cabinet room. It was the case in the Sinai Campaign and during the Yom Kippur War as well, and I see nothing wrong in it."

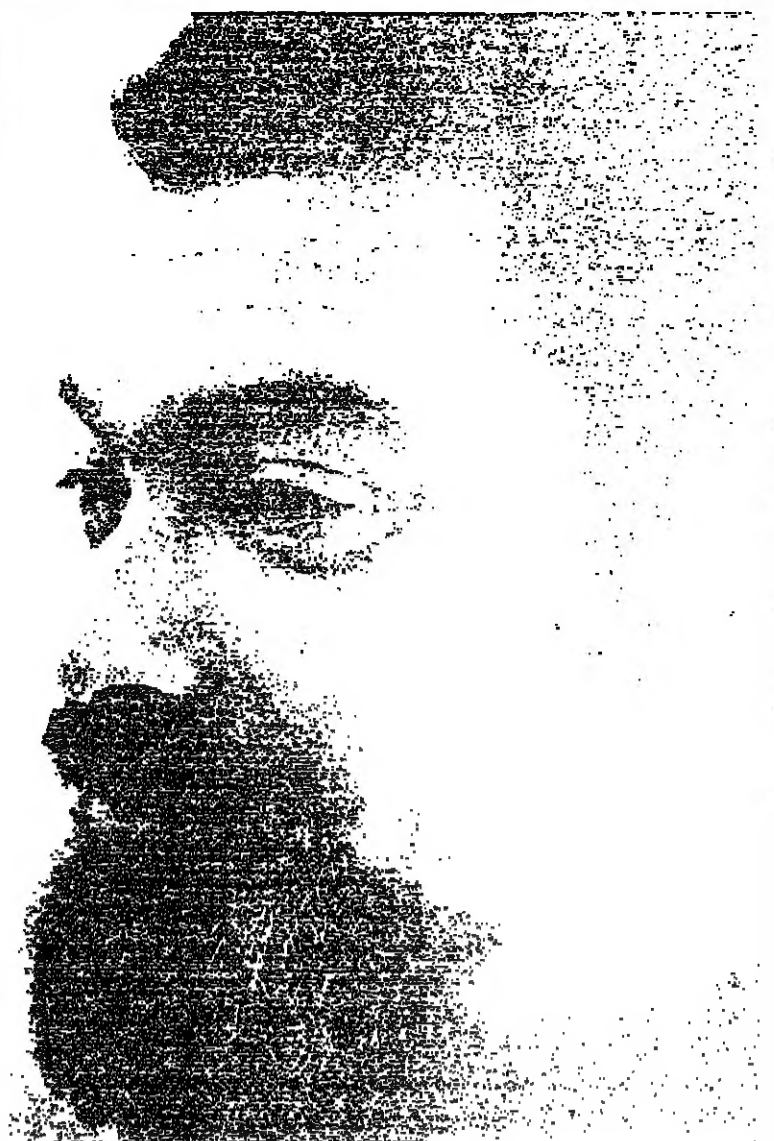
HIS ANSWER to the question of how we found ourselves on the outskirts of Beirut and along the highway to Damascus was: "It's all a question of the momentum of battle. There was such a swift advance along the coastal road by our armour that we found ourselves swept along after Damour in order to protect what we had achieved. Don't forget that in June 1967, Moshe Dayan did not want the army to reach the Suez Canal, but the sweep of battle took it there."

It was certainly not our aim to remove the Syrians from Lebanon, but as we advanced we could hardly let them threaten our forces. Hence the step we took."

The elimination of the missiles, according to Ben-Elissar, was certainly not the goal of the operation but an extremely positive by-product. He would not discuss how that success serves the West, or the achievement of the Merkava against the latest Soviet tank.

The war, he said, had not been in the service of foreign interests. It had demonstrated the power of Israel's deterrent force, the efficacy of our technology and what a devoted citizen's army could do.

And yes, he certainly concurred that it had removed the trauma caused by the Yom Kippur War's opening phase.



(David Rubinger)

the world" in 1967. "I don't want us to be regarded as a power. I just want us to remain strong."

The Syrians, he believed, understood that Israel did not seek to wage war against them. He saw no reason why a *de facto* arrangement could not be reached with Syria. Whether the two countries' interests could be reconciled in Lebanon, Ben-Elissar said, was a matter that should be left to the future.

The Likud spokesman said Israel wanted, above all, for a stable government to be in power in Beirut, one that would sign a peace treaty with this country. "However it's untrue to charge Israel with any desire to get entangled in the internal complications of Lebanon. We certainly cannot play any local role in such matters."

"Of course, it's understandable if the U.S. seeks to stabilize Lebanon, because it is in American interests for that part of the Middle East to be freed of Soviet influence. But I most certainly would advise against Israel getting bogged down in the internal political morasse of Lebanon."

DESPITE the elimination of the PLO as a military force, he said it was doubtful that its terrorist activities would entirely cease. He also said it was doubtful that the PLO would ever recover from the blows dealt it by the IDF.

Israel had done the dirty work of the international community by eliminating the world base of terrorism. "The loud cries of protest only highlighted international hypocrisy on the part of those countries who were pleased at the removal of the terrorist threat."

The same happened after we bombed the Baghdad nuclear reactor. All those governments which remonstrated with us told us off the record how pleased they were that the Ba'athist regime in Iraq had not achieved nuclear capability.

The PLO, he noted, had provided the base for all the various terrorist gangs, supplying them with arms and training."

Did he see the hands of the KGB pulling the strings? "Indirectly. After all, who gains by destabilizing the free world, if not Moscow?" he said.

As for the tremendous piles of arms and ammunition found in the area formerly under the PLO control, Ben-Elissar said cautiously that it was obvious that these huge arsenals were intended for use against other Middle Eastern countries beyond Israel.

Back to the inevitable question of Israel's image: As Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres observed, Israel had expected the Syrians and the PLO in Lebanon, but had forgotten the TV cameras.

One problem for Israel is the ignorance of most young TV reporters from the West about the Lebanese imbroglio; the damage caused by Lebanon's civil war and by the Syrians since 1976 is attributed to Israel. Ben-Elissar recalled the World War II story about General George Patton's arrival in Rome at the head of the American troops. On seeing the ruins of the Colosseum Patton exclaimed, "Ah, look what our pilots have done. Well, that's war you know!"

Ben-Elissar did not think that Western public opinion had become anti-Israel, and he quoted the latest Harris poll indicating the firmness of support for Israel across America.

Rather "the anti-Israel line was fostered by the trendy leftists who dominated the media in most Western countries and by younger politicians who had been fascinated by the PLO toy, which they had blown up into a giant."

Ben-Elissar added that the appearance of tough Jews who don't take things lying down annoys them, because it contradicts so many Jewish stereotypes. I don't think

any involved in the PLO. The British should be careful not to let Argentina, and the like, to have a model of a PLO in South America."

Ben-Elissar stressed that many governments would be disappointed if Lebanon had remained a semi-independent state, and that it must be grateful for the dismantling of the Soviet sphere of influence, which, if it remained in Lebanon, the Middle East would have been.

That he held that position was not a reflection of his own national influence on the effects of the media on Lebanon, he stressed.

HE DID NOT expect the Israeli intervention to be the end of the PLO, but he expected that the replacement of the PLO by George Sadek would mean a different perspective, approach and different results. But he was sure that Sadek would be the secretary of state, not the head of the PLO.

And the Russians' commitment to the PLO within the Syrian territorial control only.

"The Russians are better equipped to understand our intentions. They are smartly enough that we are not about to fight the Syrians or the media have heard from them that we are not exactly a new superpower. The Russians to have a war, we must sustain such a defeat, but they appreciate that the future of the world is in Soviet hands," he declared.

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Thinking about a Palestinian state

BEFORE the surprise resignation of Secretary of State Alexander Haig last Friday and the nomination of George Shultz, the Reagan administration had made a good start in talks with Prime Minister Menachem Begin towards trying to shape a more hopeful future out of the fifth eruption of the Arab-Israeli conflict in one generation.

The administration publicly supported the aims of withdrawal of all foreign forces; restoration of Lebanese unity, sovereignty and independence; and comprehensive security arrangements. Privately, the administration obtained from Begin a renewed commitment to advance a solution to the Palestinian question in all its aspects through the autonomy negotiations.

THE LINKING of U.S. support for Israel's position Lebanon with Israeli movement on the Palestine question is strategically sound and justified by substantive and historical connections between the two problems. But for that linkage to prove effective in practice, the administration must formulate a clear set of ideas that could overcome difficulties which have hitherto stymied the autonomy negotiations.

The administration must have a definite strategy. Otherwise, a settlement of the Lebanon problem, desirable as it surely is in itself, will serve to make a solution of the Palestinian problem more difficult than ever.

First, a distinction must be made between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Palestinian nationalism. The PLO may have stimulated nationalism and may have captured its leadership for a while, but the movement goes beyond the organization. Consequently, the destruction of the PLO or its reduction to a marginal existence cannot destroy Palestinian nationalism or the Palestinian cause.

SECONDLY, from the perspective of the Palestinian national cause, the PLO as it existed a few weeks ago deserves to go. True, the PLO stimulated the growth of Palestinian national consciousness and helped put the cause on the international political agenda.

But at critical moments, it failed in its strategic judgements. On the face of it, there is something fundamentally wrong with a leadership

that embroils the movement and its people in hopeless armed conflicts three times in 12 years against three different opponents, two of them Arab — Jordan in 1970, Syria in 1976 and Israel in 1982.

More specifically, whatever use the refusal to recognize Israel's right to exist may have had at one time in PLO strategy, the organization remained a prisoner of that concept long after it had become counterproductive to the Palestinian cause.

Despite the advice of friends and the views of some of its more thoughtful members and sympathizers, the PLO failed at many critical junctures to see that recognizing Israel's right to exist would give the cause infinitely more leverage than withholding recognition, by winning over American and world opinion, and even a large part of the Israeli public.

Even after Egyptian president Anwar Sadat had brilliantly demonstrated the effectiveness of that strategy, the PLO remained formally committed to denying Israel the right it claimed for the Palestinians: the right of nationhood.

The reasons for these failures may be attributable to the nature of the PLO as a federation of armed organizations, many of which can exercise a virtual veto over the whole. But this only reinforces the conclusions that henceforth the PLO, as we have known it, should not be considered as an interlocutor; and that the Palestinian national movement will have to advance alternative representatives.

Thirdly, any solution to the Palestinian problem will eventually require the exercise of heavy U.S. pressure on Israel, as well as on its partners to the negotiations. Such pressure was necessary for the achievement of the Camp David accords and the Egyptian-Israeli peace, and it will be even more necessary for a Palestinian settlement. But U.S. pressure must take into account Israeli public opinion and security concerns to win over a majority of Israelis and isolate the extremists.

FINALLY, there must be a recognition in the U.S. that the idea of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is genuinely problematic. It's easy to agree to the principle that such a state is necessary to meet the national

aspirations of the Palestinians. But by the same token, it's absurd to advocate the creation of such a state if it constitutes a grave threat to the national aspirations of Jews as embodied in the State of Israel (as well as a danger in Jordan).

The problem is to determine whether a Palestinian state would present such a threat or not. Leaving aside the minority of zealous adherents to the dogma of "The Greater Land of Israel," most Israelis — and more than a few outside observers — fear that a Palestinian state would indeed present unacceptable risks to Israel.

Such a state would most likely be unstable, irredentist and hostile, just as the PLO has been. And it would likely ally itself with the Soviet Union and Arab rejectionist powers, and acquire weaponry and political protection to carry on hostilities with Israel, as the PLO has done.

By NADAV SAFRAN

enough plausibility to make any definitive choice impossible. The only way out of that dilemma is to devise a controlled way to test which of the opposite prognoses is valid.

The parties concerned should take the principles of Camp David as a starting point, but amend and expand them in some crucial ways to overcome past stumbling blocks while meeting the fundamental interests of all parties.

The proposal would explicitly recognize the right of Palestinian self-determination, but would tie it to the existence of a durable peace with Israel at the end of a transition period of autonomy.

The autonomy period would be extended beyond the five years en-

party arbitration of disputes and determination of responsibility for failure.

But the principal assurances of performance for the Palestinians would be the incentive to reach self-determination, and for the Israelis, the preservation of the network of peace agreements and opportunities for cooperation with other Arab countries that a Palestinian settlement would make possible.

SUCH a conception of autonomy — and the process of its unfolding — should make it possible to build rapidly on the foundations already laid by the Egyptian-Israeli autonomy negotiations.

With that purpose clarified and an evolutionary approach accepted, it should be possible to overcome past obstacles. For instance, one of the major roadblocks has been the wide gap between the Egyptian view

would also follow the Camp David prescription and leave the issue to the last. But in the concept espoused here, some of the difficulty of the problem would be eliminated if it is dealt with in the context of proven peace and open borders.

The same is true with regard to the question of Jerusalem, although in this instance it might be necessary to reinforce the generalities of the Camp David letters on the subject with an intimation of a Vatican-type Arab-Muslim presence.

Existing Israeli settlements would remain, but new settlements would require the approval of the Palestinian authorities. Jews and Arabs as individuals and privately associated business groups would have the right to live and work anywhere — Arabs in Jaffa or Tel Aviv, Jews in Hebron or Nablus.

Permanent joint commissions would regulate the multitude of common interests — from environmental protection, conservation of water resources and use of port facilities to telecommunications and the coordination of taxation and monetary affairs. These commissions would be put in place as the authority of the self-rule institutions expands by stages.

WOULD SUCH a scheme gain acceptance from the main parties to the dispute? A few weeks ago, the chances may have been dubious, but the events that have transpired since point to a more promising answer.

The Arab side — the rejectionist front and the resistance alternative it proposed — suffered a major defeat in Lebanon, from which it will not recover soon. Not only was the PLO's territorial power-base lost and its military infrastructure destroyed, but the Syrian forces suffered very severe losses. These two champions of rejection were unable to fight together against the common foe, were deserted by the Arab world and received scant help from the Soviet protector.

That in itself should make Arab moderates more amenable to the kind of approach Egypt pioneered. The fact that the Persian Gulf countries, headed by Saudi Arabia, also badly need a rapprochement with Egypt and closer relations with the U.S. — in order to cope with the consequences of Iran's seizure of Iraq — adds to their disposition to rally to the peace process to which Egypt and America (and Israel) re-

main committed.

Finally, the kind of conception proposed here — particularly the recognition of the Palestinians' right to self-determination — should give these countries the feeling that they have gained the point they have always insisted was the essence of the dispute.

AS FOR Israel, there is a chance that Begin might be amenable to the proposal on its merits, and because it could open the door to peace with Jordan, Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries, particularly now that he has knocked out the PLO lie abhors.

On the other hand, one should not underestimate the extent of Begin's ideological commitment to Israeli control over the West Bank, and his capacity to fight for that belief from behind the barricade of his own interpretation of Camp David.

But Begin himself knows that he can carry the majority of Israelis along his ideological path only when no onerous cost is involved, and no better alternative is in sight. Both premises can be changed through American exertions similar to the kind that brought about the Camp David accords.

After preliminary explorations with the governments of Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Israel and credible Palestinian representatives, which would almost certainly reveal selective support, the U.S. should launch intensive negotiations through shuttle diplomacy or even a summit meeting.

If the Arab parties should agree to a set of principles, reflecting the proposal but Begin rejects them, the U.S. should be prepared to put the onus on Begin and throw its full weight behind the agreed-upon principles.

Faced with the choice of a proposal that would secure Israel's basic interests and open the prospect of peace with several parties, on the one hand; or of continuing conflict in the region and confrontation with Israel's only ally and best remaining friend, an Israeli majority would almost certainly form in favour of acceptance. Begin would then be compelled either to sign or to make way for a government that would.

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Considering that Israel's economic and population centre is only 15 kilometres wide, that the corridor between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem is no wider at some points, and that most of Israel's airfields would be within artillery range from that state, the risks appear too great.

Many other Israelis — and perhaps most outside observers — believe those fears to be unwarranted. Satisfying the aspiration to statehood would, they argue, remove the Palestinians' grudge and dissipate their hostility. The state would be hemmed in by Israel and Jordan — dependent on both for access to the sea, and on moderate Arab countries for the financial support it would need to exist. It would have its hands full with problems of construction and development and, they argue, would have minimal military capacity.

If worse came to worst and the Palestinian state began to act in the manner feared, Israel could always march its forces in and set matters right.

A FAIR analyst would have to admit that both prognoses have

visaged by the Camp David accords — it would be conceived as a controlled experimental process designed to test the feasibility of genuine peace between a Palestinian state-in-the-making and Israel.

In the geographic, strategic, economic and demographic conditions of Israel and the West Bank and Gaza, the elaboration of a process of genuine peace would necessarily mean open borders and a vast overlapping of interests, rather than two hermetically sealed states.

CONSEQUENTLY, the successful completion of the experiment would also create many built-in guarantees of its durability. The exercise of the Palestinian right of self-determination will come after a period of association, and peace between Israel and a virtual Palestinian state will be an established fact.

The experiment suggested would proceed by evolutionary stages defined in advance, with the successful completion of each stage acting as a trigger for the next. Irreparable failure of any stage would stop the entire process. Provisions would be made for agreed third-

that the Palestinian self-rule body should have legislative power and the Israeli view that it should only have administrative competence.

In the proposed approach, the self-rule body may begin with administrative powers, and then have its authority expanded by stages into the legislative sphere until it achieves such legislative powers as compatible with the object of the entire design.

The same would be the case with responsibility for internal security. Initially, the self-rule authority would be confined to policing local law and order, but then its powers would expand by stages to include all aspects of internal security throughout the territories — in cooperation, necessarily, with Israeli security forces.

ALONG WITH the definition of principles and the delineation of the stages, explicit agreements would need to be established on some critical issues. With regard to external security, the principles of Camp David have provided an adequate answer — gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces and deployment at specified points.

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NAGGING THOUGHTS

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

EXPERTS and commentators have been trying valiantly to make order out of the chaos created by Israel's invasion of Lebanon, but the intention here is to add to the confusion, to beg the reader's indulgence for some nagging thoughts. It has become clear that this war has shattered, or at least thoroughly shaken, some of Israel's basic moral and political assumptions.

A formal peace with Egypt, the largest and most powerful Arab country, was achieved: with the stroke of a pen. This did not come about, though, without several years of soul-searching and intense internal debate over whether Egypt's, or rather Sadat's, intentions were sincere.

Then began the stage of normalization of relations, which many thought would flow smoothly from the peace treaty, but which has turned out to be fraught with uncertainty and frustration.

The possibility of normalizing relations with the Lebanese, or what seems to be the start of this process, was achieved not by the pen, but by the sword. Since the basics of life come first, we have begun by es-

political outcome of the latter war may have led eventually to peace with Egypt, but it also included the Rabat conference of 1974 and Arafat's triumph at the UN.

At any rate, any strategic planning that went into the war was done on the other side of the Suez Canal, not on our side.

It is legitimate, the critics' argument runs, to fight a war of national survival even if it is not guided by any comprehensive political strategy, and even if the political outcome goes against us. But it is wrong to extend what was originally portrayed as a limited defensive operation into a war that may produce some long and even short-term political benefits.

I don't believe for a minute that Ariel Sharon intended to limit the campaign to the 40-km. line, and was simply drawn by the military logic of the situation to push into the Bekaa Valley and to the gates of the PLO stronghold in West Beirut, and across the Beirut-Damascus road. But I am also willing to give him credit for using a legitimate defensive operation as a springboard to change our strategic position in Lebanon vis-à-vis the PLO and Syria.

The irony of the situation, however, is that such aims, by their very nature, could not be discussed publicly or admitted while the fighting was going on. This would have tipped off the Syrians about our ultimate intentions, and would have invited external and domestic pressure to stop us far from Beirut.

THE PROBLEM with this war is that it lacks an immediate, intrinsically persuasive moral justification. Whether it was "good for the Jews or bad for the Jews" will depend ultimately on the extent to which its undeclared strategic aims are attained. Meanwhile, discord reigns, the result of trying to fight a war with political aims.

Our presence in Lebanon has already revealed another paradox, this time in our relations with the Arabs. We have come under our control, we have been welcomed as saviors by some kibbutzim, and are now engaged in trying to help restore the shattered or paralyzed authority of the Lebanese central government in the areas we hold. The term "military government" is taboo, and our only declared purpose there is to "aid the civilian population."

That's as it should be. Looking southward, though, to the West Bank and Gaza, to the territories that we're not supposed to call "occupied," we have taken to behaving like a heavy-handed military government in all senses of the term. Only there double-speak prevails, and we're supposed to refer only to the "civil administration."

The cooperation and mutual respect considered so essential to the future of our relations with the Lebanese, and rightly so, is replaced in the West Bank and Gaza by the carrot and the stick, and at times instruments more threatening than the stick. I do not envy the Israeli officers and Arab experts who might be called on to serve both in the "Unit to Aid Lebanese Civilians" and in the "civil administration." That would be a sure-fire recipe for schizophrenia.

Our situation after the Yom Kippur War was easier than it is now at least in one respect. We knew then that we had been slammed right in our "conceptzia." This war too will prove to have shaken up many of our cherished assumptions, but for the present we are still groping for the right questions, let alone the right answers.

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THIS IS where it all started. Was it really only four weeks ago? Or was it nearly a year ago, when the first massive PLO katyusha and artillery attacks rained down on Kibbutz Kfar Blum and neighbouring Kiryat Shmona in the Upper Galilee panhandle and on Kibbutz Geshur Haziv and next door Nahariya in west Galilee, inexorably setting the wheels of the Peace for Galilee campaign in motion?

Old timers in some of these places speak fatalistically of the seminal year of 1948, of Israel's war of Independence, as the starting point for what happened these last four weeks. The few surviving real old-timers in Kfar Giladi, and those with a long historical perspective go further back, over 62 years, to when Trumpeldor and his ten defenders of Tel Hai fell as marking the beginning of the Arab-Israeli wars which are now in their third generation.

Today all is quiet in Kfar Blum. But in neighbouring Kiryat Shmona the signs of the widespread katyusha rocket damage are nearly invisible and school children chatter gaily in the streets, unperturbed by the occasional whine of jets which they have learned not to confuse with the screaming "whoosh" of incoming katyushas.

Nahariya is subdued, minus the thousands of tourists who would normally be crowding into its hotels and pensions in a steamy June. Only the normally bucolic Geshur Haziv is tumultuous, with hundreds of macho foreign correspondents and local media reporters, photographers and cameramen crowding around the IDF spokesman's officers who have made the kibbutz on the Lebanese border a base for their daily forays to the front.

The fact that Kfar Blum and Kiryat Shmona, Geshur Haziv and Nahariya, unlike the rest of Israel, were under direct PLO katyusha attack only four weeks ago, has not made them any different from the rest of the country on two points: a large number of their younger men are in the army in Lebanon; and they are just as perturbed as is the rest of Israel over the nagging questions as to whether the campaign, which was originally conceived and touted as a 72-hour super-retaliation raid, was essential and unavoidable or, possibly, futile.

We drove into Kfar Blum on a hot day, a real late June Hula Valley blisterer, to get a feel of the human climate of opinion.

Through a stroke of good fortune, Pinhas Rimon, the principal of the Kfar Blum American School, the kibbutz project that has been hosting American high school teenagers for a year's intensive exposure to Israeli and kibbutz life for close to 20 years, was in the midst of summing up the dramatic year with his 25 students.

"I STARTED to prepare the summing up just before the katyusha attacks four weeks ago," he told us, "and I was telling the kids that this had been the quietest, most uneventful year in a long time."

"I'm a little careful today about such statements," he added ruefully, "ever since the Yom Kippur War eight years ago, when I told my new batch of American high schoolers that they shouldn't be bothered by the unaccustomed sonic booms and whining jets in the skies above, since they were all ours. Several days later we were under a massive Syrian bombing attack."

"But this last year had been a quiet one. Nothing had happened between the katyusha attacks of last July and those of four weeks ago which set off the war."

Rimon's charges were in one of their bedrooms, some of them huddled inconspicuously under blankets to ward off the effects of the blazing air conditioner. Having frequently taught groups of American high school and college students I have usually been struck by their relative immaturity when compared with Israeli youngsters of the same age. This time my mistake was in the opposite direction: I took the Americans in Kfar Blum to be 17 and 18 year old high school seniors when in fact they were only 15 and 16 year olds.

Had these last four weeks had such a dramatic maturing effect or was it perhaps the effect of a full year out in the real world of the Middle East prematurely removed from their American kindergartens?

Claudia Kraut of Stamford Connecticut started out by saying that one of the things she found different, having been here during the weeks of the war was that "when we were in the States and would read about occasional terrorist attacks on Israel, the natural reaction would be to say 'Isn't that a shame' and that would be all. But now we know many of the people who have been called up to the army, and every one of us knows of someone who's been killed or wounded."

"I'd just love to have all those people back home who say 'well katyushas can't be all that bad' to have been here during the attack four weeks ago."

Rachel Nosowski of San Francisco: "Yes I think the campaign was necessary. But then you think of the people you got to know who were killed or wounded — the son of the bus driver on our bus who was killed — and you wonder."

Dina Leventhal of Columbia Maryland: "My adopted kibbutz father is in the army, and my adopted brother was wounded. Others I know were killed. I'm not at all sure it was worthwhile, when you think of the many wives who have been left bereaved."

"If people have to die they should

Climate of opinion in the north

By YOSEF GOELL

die for a purpose, to get something essential accomplished. I don't know if we (the American youngsters all speak in terms of 'we' when referring to Israel) have really accomplished that much. The PLO may have been broken but it will be here for many another day. So what have we accomplished?"

Avi Fisher of Memphis, Tennessee: "It had to be done. Israelis simply couldn't live in fear all their lives. But I expect that Israel will have to stay in Lebanon a long time to make sure the PLO katyushas don't start up again."

Rebecca Meyer of Cincinnati, Ohio: "One of the things that got to me when I first came to Kfar Blum was that even the four year old toddlers with whom I worked in the children's homes, could tell the difference between a sonic boom and a katyusha whine."

"The fact that we proved useful to the kibbutz during the war weeks, working in the cotton fields when so many of the men were away in the army, strengthened my commitment to Israel. It's good to feel that you're needed."

Ruth Margolies of Long Island, N.Y.: "When I first came to Kfar Blum I was looking forward to a little excitement. But how that we've had more than just the little I bargained for, I realize how serious the whole thing can be. I can sympathize with the loss of lives in Lebanon. When my foster father came home from the army he told me about what he had seen, and said he didn't see an end to it. So what have we accomplished?"

Lorne Papirnik, Calgary Alberta: "I thought the whole thing was important for all of Israel, but I'm sceptical about going into Beirut. You can't wipe out the PLO, it's a nation. I'm worried about Israel because we seem to be so divided."

BEA FEDER of New Rochelle, N.Y.: "I don't think we can judge yet. We need more information about what really went on. But I feel it's unfair to the men who died in the fighting to say that it was a waste."

Lila Dewitt, Berkeley, California: "I count how many innocent lives were lost, on all sides, and I don't know."

"Even one killed would be too many for me. When I say this, Israelis sometimes look at me as if I'm a foreigner but I'm a human being, not only a Jewess."

Aliza Amihud of Winnipeg: "What we know we get from hearing from our kibbutz families, from our soldiers who come back from the front, from the BBC, Israel TV, the Jerusalem Post and the New York Times review of the week."

"I'm sure my friends in the States who see only American TV have gotten a distorted view. When I get back home I'll tell them what it was like seeing it from a bomb shelter here."

Judy Schindler of Westport, Connecticut: "Even if they get the same information in the States it's not the same. They see it from a different perspective. In the time we've been here there were four katyusha attacks on Kiryat Shmona."

"Every day my foster parents tell me about someone they knew who was killed. It's so small and intimate here."

Marc Makry of Los Angeles: "I felt safe here and wasn't worried about calling my parents when we could get through, and of what they would think. My father was here before the fighting and he said it was safer here than in most parts of the States."

The American teenagers were clearly reflecting the gamut of opinions of the kibbutzniks themselves, who while being more directly involved in the fighting and the security situation which preceded it than was the rest of Israel, share the uncertainties of the whole nation.

ELLA GORAL, a kibbutz book-keeper and one of the original Latvian founders of Kfar Blum who has been there since the early 1940's expressed these mixed feelings well.

"At the beginning we were glad, especially because we believed that Kiryat Shmona would now be spared those terrifying katyusha attacks. For us, those attacks meant sitting in uncomfortable, overcrowded shelters but they bore the brunt of the suffering. And we were glad for them that it would now be over."

"But the mood began to turn sour when all the news we got at the outset was from Arab sources. And then from our own sources we started hearing about our own dead and wounded. In Kfar Blum two of our boys were wounded, and the son of relatives of mine in Kfar Giladi is among the missing. And above all there is the hovering question of when will there finally be an end to all of this?"

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The question then is whether we can learn to live with less than a full peace with Lebanon, in the same way that we are learning to live with less than full normalization with Egypt.

SOME CRITICS of the war, or of the decision to extend our advance beyond a 40-kilometre line from the northern border, say that the only legitimate war for Israel to fight is a war of national survival. Only then, the argument runs, will people have a clear idea of why soldiers are called onto fight, and perhaps die. The same critics point to the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War as instances where everyone was ready to fight under the banner of *an hukra* — no alternative.

The nagging thoughts arise when one examines the political or strategic outcomes of these wars. In 1967, Israel had no political strategy to follow up the victory, so we "waited for a phone call" from the Arab leaders. The message took a while to get through, but it eventually came, in October 1973. The

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HARING OFF TO BEIRUT

BETWEEN ACTS / Joan Borsten

IT'S WEDNESDAY morning in Tel Aviv and Vidal Sassoon, the London-born Sephardi Jew who revolutionized the international hair industry, is juggling phone calls in his Hilton Hotel suite. He's negotiating furiously and what is at stake is neither product promotion nor publicity, but a trip to Beirut. He wants to see for himself what the IDF is doing, to talk to Israeli soldiers and Lebanese civilians.

On one line is Haim Topol, his friend since the days the actor starred in *Fiddler on the Roof* in London. On the other is Yitzhak Kol, chairman of United Studios, with whom Sassoon is scheduled to do a TV special in Latin America. Zubin Mehta was called earlier. If none of these three come through, Simcha Diniz is next on the list to be contacted.

"It's important that I get there," says Sassoon while waiting for someone to confirm something. "I do a lot of speaking for Israel in the U.S. — 10 meetings in the eight weeks before coming here this time — and if I could report on what I'd seen first-hand, I'd be much more effective."

THERE AREN'T many non-Israeli non-journalists allowed to cross the border these days, especially when the IDF is poised on the edge of West Beirut, ready to flush out the PLO if necessary. Isn't Sassoon worried about his safety?

"Of course not. I've led a charmed life for 54 years, I'll lead a charmed life for another 54," he says, all the while also negotiating a ride for his non-Jewish friend and colleague George Shaw, vice-

president of both the corporation and Vidal's fund-raising effort. "I fought here with the Palmah in the War of Independence," Vidal says.

"I was so impressed with Congressman Charlie Wilson. I think he did a great job, finding out the truth. And he has no reason to paint a rosy picture, he only has 100 Jewish constituents."

"So I have to go, too. Let's face it, apart from Wilson, the only Americans talking about Israel today are Senator Percy and those 'kissing tush' with the Saudis."

SASSOON is in Israel as part of a Hebrew University caravan led by Steve Lawrence and Edie Gorme, including actor Jan Murray and some 87 others from California. "There was only one cancellation because of the war," says Sassoon. He has been on four caravans in the last four years — a believer in Israel's future as a producer of technology which will help solve the problems of the world. And also because he believes that without Israel, Judaism would have only 50 more years as a viable religion.

"The next Holocaust will be the last. Believe me, the Christians would find a way to clear their consciences. There might be a few old rabbis and hassidim left, but they would mean nothing to young Jewish kids like mine."

"It's not a question of dual loyalty, but dignity. Every Jew has to feel it. We had no dignity before Israel."

only a ghetto mentality."

Sassoon is here not only with the Hebrew University caravan, which left yesterday, but his own personal caravan. Three of his four kids, a girlfriend (he and wife Beverly divorced last year) and Shaw who now lives part of the year in Jerusalem.

Once Beirut has been seen and conversations tape-recorded, they will head for 10 days in Ellat and visit with old friends like Rafi Nelson.

Sassoon has given up the presidency of his corporation, which now includes lines of hair and skin products, a wide range of hair-care appliances, wearing apparel, signature sunglasses, international boutiques and hair salons, to devote half of his time to Jewish and secular affairs.

HE IS particularly proud of what he is able to do for Israel in terms of fundraising and the information effort — "and I've only had the financial wherewithal to do this in the past few years."

His biggest project is Hebrew University's new Centre for Anti-Semitic Research, of which he and Shaw are co-chairmen. The idea came their way via Yehuda Bauer, director of Hebrew University's School of Contemporary Jewry. Aided by Franklin Littell, a

Methodist minister and professor of theology at Temple University in Philadelphia, the two Americans will begin raising money to finance the centre in the fall.

Sassoon is full of pride in his project. "I can't talk about fashion and hairstyling anymore," he says. "There are too many more important problems in the world."

"But I admit that hair cutting has given me poetic licence — hair was the root which allowed me to find my roots, which gave me the means to come to Israel and do what I am doing."

"Last year I met kids who are studying at Hebrew University on my scholarships. For a kid who left school at 14, it constituted one of the proudest moments of my life."

ON JULY 5 at 8.30 p.m., The Club's Haifa branch, located on the Carmel, will auction off an 18th-century handwritten Hagadda. Proceeds of the auction, which will also include sale of paintings by Bergner, Gutman, Marcel Janco and a 19th-century drawing of M. LeBaron, will go to Rambam Hospital which has treated so many of the war wounded. After the auction, The Club will host a fashion show of clothes by Niba and Diva, and open a new sidewalk cafe.

The Club, Haifa, was designed by Zvi Zilberstein and Rafi Shauli.

founder of the five-year-old Tel Aviv The Club. Catering to a more conservative population, The Club, Haifa, is open daily from noon for businessmen's lunches and from 5 p.m. for drinks. For the five hundred members, who range in age from 30 to 50, The Club, Haifa, provides a French restaurant, discotheque and gentlemen's clubroom. Memberships apply to facilities in both cities.

RAY CHARLES arrives here on July 11th, under the auspices of the Bank Discount Cultural and Artistic Fund, for three days of concerts. Accompanied by the Raellets, he will perform at Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem on the 12th, and in Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium on July 13 and 14. The 52-year-old jazz singer has been working as a professional musician since 1947. Since his first major recording hit, *I Got a Woman*, Charles has left an indelible mark on every facet of popular music. An accomplished musician, he taught himself to play and write for every brass and wind instrument in an orchestra, specializing in piano, organ and sax. He composes and arranges.

Charles was not blind from birth — only poor.

He was born in Albany, Georgia, to a black family when the American South was still segregated. He was blind by six; doctors assume now probably from glaucoma. His father died four

years later, his mother five years after that. At a school for the deaf and blind in Florida, Ray learned to read and write braille, to type, to play a limited classical repertoire on the piano and to make mops and brooms. At 15, he left the school and joined a dance band, and two years after that, he left the South.

Gradually he developed an underground following among American blacks with his mixture of gospel and blues. He played the Apollo in Harlem and then became the first black to have a sponsored television show in the Pacific Northwest. From his first musical group emerged the song, *I Got a Woman*, which introduced him to white audiences. His classic rendition of Hoagy Carmichael's *Georgia on My Mind* became the official song of the State of Georgia in 1979, the same year his autobiography was published and became a national best-seller.

PRODUCTION ON *Stigma*, a new Israeli film was halted when director Uri Barabash and actor Dalit Volintz were called to the army. The movie, produced by Kestel Studios, Jerusalem, resumes filming this week.

THE JERUSALEM English Theatre's production of *The Fantastiks* moves to the Tel Aviv Hilton on July 4. The American musical will be presented by the Hilton in honour of U.S. Independence Day.

ALTHOUGH THE International Conference and Festival of Jewish Theatre has received many cancellations, among those still scheduled



Ray Charles

to attend is Pearl Padamsee of India. An actress, director and producer with the theatre group Bombay, she also teaches speech and drama at two high schools and is a member of the managing committee of the Arts Centre Bombay. She also narrates documentary films and performs All-India Radio.

Seminars begin on Sunday and include such topics as Tradition, Jewish Story-telling, Jewish Drama in our Time, a roundtable discussion of Jewish theatre, as well as dramatic readings and discussions relating to Jewish characters in contemporary American theatre.

Workshops include Purification Rituals and the Use of Water, Judaism as Theatrical Element, The Storyteller as Actor and Theatrical Artist, Contemporary Biblical Passages and Stories and Theatrical Exploration of the Faith of the 17th Day of Tammuz.

"WHEN I first read the script of *Golda*," said Alan Gibson, the Canadian director of *A Woman called Golda*, "I told the producer that the script was rather heavy on schmaltz. He advised me to learn to 'think Jewish'."

"What did he mean by that?" I asked innocently.

"Well, schmaltz, you know, mit violins, Jewish. That's what the market wanted, that's what the producer wanted."

Producer Harv Bennett, who came to Israel for the first time for the premiere said, "This film was not made for the Israeli public. It was made for America, Jewish America. There it was a tremendous success."

Golda is a three-hour and 15 minute, \$4.5m, TV spectacular with

Ingrid Bergman in the title-role and a huge cast supposedly portraying real-life personalities. But Churchill, Eisenhower or Hitler are too well known for the audience to suspend disbelief. The same goes for Golda and her entourage, some of whom are still among us, mostly now in minor parts on the political stage.

The film is a potted *Reader's Digest* version of Israel's history and should be old hat to Jewish Americans, but not perhaps for the much larger market of 220 million non-Jewish Americans. Thick with clichés and heroics of the *Exodus* Ari Ben-Kanaan variety, it gives us Miss Bergman as the Prime Minister of Israel visiting her old school in Milwaukee. The Fourth Street School these days has a main-

History with schmaltz

By WIM VAN LEER / Special to The Jerusalem Post

ly black clientele, and they are a spellbound audience making up in patience what they lack in historical perspective. And so, via TV, Israel's turbulent history in general and Golda's emotion-crowded life in particular unfold. We see Golda in a pogrom catching Zionism from her elder sister at an age when most children catch only measles and tadpoles.

As a young girl, credibly played by Judy Davis, she falls in love with one Morris Meyerson, an ineffectual sign-painter with a heart of gold. And, what is worse, a

gramophone. Follows Golda the kibbutznik, the Histadrutnik, the apparatchik, at the UN (shaming Arabs), at the UJA (not a dry eye in the house). And finally, in 1973, Golda is prime minister, the Mother of the Nation, Israel's own Mrs Portnoy, blaming herself for having listened to the advice of the general staff, instead of following the adage that "Mamma knows best."

Her stint at Israel's embassy in Moscow was tactfully omitted, possibly to avert the suspicion of a commie-connection, inadvisable these Reagan days. The

scriptwriters also wisely decided to have one symbolic lover stand in for all who graced Golda's bedroom, a character obviously patterned on David Remez. That liaison led to some strange appointments when she ruled the Foreign Ministry. And finally with President Sadat, a scene which brought down the house at the Tel Aviv showing, and even in staid Jerusalem raised quite a ripple.

INGRID BERGMAN manfully struggles against the corny script, the real villain of the piece. But reality is all too too familiar, too well-remembered for us to be consoled by these trite, flyblown generalizations, those charading caricatures from central-casting. With effort, one separates the make-believe from the memory, and at moments Miss Bergman manages to move one, if not to tears, at least not to laughter. Given the state of her health, her performance, truly, is a tour-de-force.

Director Alan Gibson, stuck with the script, allotted only eight weeks of preparation and eight weeks of shooting in an unfamiliar environment, bravely soldiered on, "tuning down the schmaltz whenever I could."

THE LAST few weeks have seen much wilful distortion and censorship of Israel. I for one as much resent being admired and lauded for virtues this country and its people do not possess, as I resent the media's accusations of crimes of which we are innocent. I look forward to the day when the world, and that includes us, can look at Israel as we really are, good, bad or indifferent. I don't think we have much to be

ashamed of. Anyway, no more than others.

In conclusion, I must mention Adam Greenberg's superb camerawork, especially some of the desert scenes, bearing in mind that the framing was meant for the screen.

A Woman called Golda was screened at a Gala event organized by the Jerusalem Cinematheque, with proceeds going to the Soldiers Welfare Fund. Teddy Kollek, whose Jerusalem Foundation bankrolls culture in Jerusalem, required six seats as paid for them out of his own pocket. He could have asked for, and gotten, twenty seats for free. But that not like the mayor.

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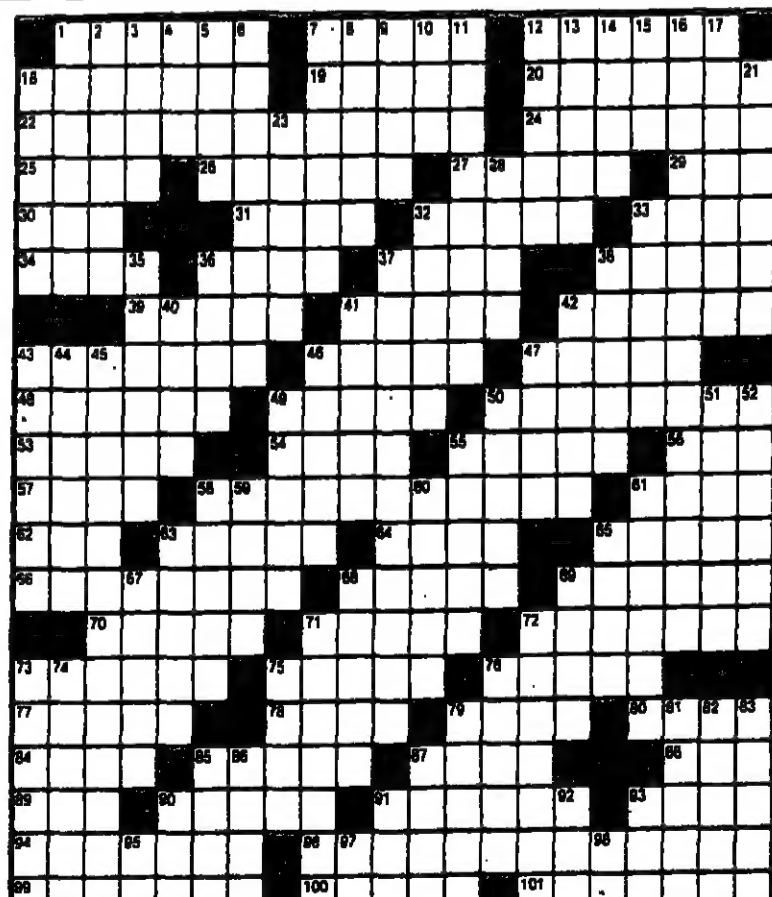
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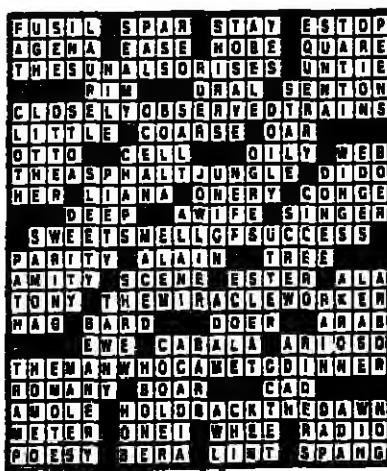
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Sports

The rains came back again

LONDON (Reuters). — Almost four hours' play was lost at Wimbledon yesterday as rain hit the championships for the eighth day out of ten. In the play that was possible, unseeded American Tim Mayotte sailed into the quarter-finals for the second successive year by blasting Britain's last hope, Buster Mottram, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.

Mayotte, 21, who produced the shock of the men's event when he eliminated fourth-seeded compatriot Sandy Mayer on Wednesday, now meets the winner of the fourth clash between Mats Wilander of Sweden and American Brian Teacher.

Florida-based Bettina Bunge, who plays Federation Cup tennis for West Germany, completed the women's semi-final lineup by defeating American Anne Smith 6-2, 6-0.

In a late game, Mark Edmondson of Australia produced the biggest upset of the championships when he beat American third seed Vitas Gerulaitis 7-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 to earn a place in the semi-finals.

The burly, balding Australian, the 28th seed, belted his way into the last four, where he will meet the winner of the quarter-final between Americans Jimmy Connors and Gene Mayer, the second and sixth seeds.



Vitas Gerulaitis

After rain had delayed the start of their match, Edmondson's heavy serve had returns on an equally heavy outside court were more than Gerulaitis could cope with.

The Australian took the opening set by winning the tie break seven points to four, dropped his service three times to lose the second set, then dominated Gerulaitis for the last two sets, when the ferocity of his returns of service was the deciding factor.

He had not beaten Gerulaitis in seven previous meetings, but the grass courts here are well suited to his explosive style.

Irish earn precious point

MADRID (Reuters). — Northern Ireland and Austria drew 2-2 in the World Cup Group "D" second-round match here yesterday. For Northern Ireland, Billy Hamilton scored twice, in the 27th and 74th minutes. For Austria Bruno Pezzey scored in the 50th minute and Reinhold Hintermaier in the 67th.

During their first half, Northern Ireland were well on top, and the game was unexciting with tepid display by the Austrians, who seemed to want to walk the ball forward at snail's pace. At half-time the Austrian coach made several changes in his team, and they played like a completely different side, Hintermaier inspiring them with dash and determination. All the Irishmen played well, with Hamilton, Gerry Armstrong and Sammy McIlroy outstanding.

The result puts the Austrians right out of the tournament. The Irish, surprise second-round qualifiers, now have to beat France in the same stadium on Sunday to reach the semi-finals. A draw would put France through.

Two-headed goals by blond Billy Hamilton of Burnley, one in each half, left Northern Ireland in with their chance of a place in the last four. But the fast-moving French side, who beat Austria 1-0 in the first group match here on Monday, are likely to prove a tough task for the fighting Irish.

The Calderon Stadium was more like a boiling cauldron with the 35 centigrade heat sapping the energy of both teams.

Hamilton gave Northern Ireland the lead after 27 minutes. Gerry Armstrong powered past two defenders on the right wing and crossed perfectly for Hamilton to nod the ball in at the far post.

Austrian defender Bruno Pezzey's 50th minute equaliser smacked more of luck than skill as the ball cannoned off his boot from a long shot by Baumgartner.

Seconds earlier, the luck had been with the Irish when Shachner, taking advantage of a mistake by McClelland, flicked the ball past goalkeeper Jim Platt only to see it hit the far post and roll back along the line to eventual safety.



Sammy Mc Ilroy

Prohaska touched a free kick to his left, and Hintermaier slammed it left-footed 25 metres past the defensive wall. Goalkeeper Platt had hardly moved, as the ball swept past him and high into the net.

The Irish equalised after 74 minutes through Hamilton. An Armstrong shot was deflected by an Austrian defender, leaving everyone flat-footed except Jimmy Nicholl, who lobbed the ball back for Hamilton, on the left post, to head into the exposed net.

The goal came after Austria had threatened to go further ahead when Shachner should have converted a pass from Obermayer.

Wild Tigers devour Red Sox

NEW YORK (AP). — Mike Ivie hit a three-run homer and an RBI single, and Lance Parrish drove in three runs, as the Detroit Tigers erupted for 17 hits to bomb Boston 12-3 on Wednesday night. Jim Rice had a two-run homer for the Red Sox.

The loss by the Red Sox, coupled with Milwaukee's 12-inning 9-7 victory in New York, cut Boston's American League-East lead over the Brewers to two games. Gorman Thomas' two-run homer gave Milwaukee its victory over the Yankees.

Billy Sample's two-out, three-run homer off Don Aase in the bottom of the ninth inning catapulted Texas over California 5-3. Despite the loss, the first-place Angels remained 3½ games ahead of Kansas City.

In the National League, pitcher Larry Christenson drove in Philadelphia's go-ahead runs with a double and Bob Demler had a key single as the Phillies beat St. Louis 6-3 and moved .002 ahead of the Cardinals in the battle for first place in the East Division. Christenson's bases-loaded double in the second inning made it, and Demler's single added the winning run later in the inning.

Consecutive home runs by Dale Murphy and Bob Horner — Horner's second of the game — started Atlanta's ninth-inning comeback and Biff Pocoroba capped it with a two-run single as the Braves beat Houston 5-4.

Pinch-hitter Willie Stargell's three-run homer helped the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Chicago Cubs 7-3. The seventh-inning shot off Dick Tidrow was Stargell's first homer since August, 1980. Solo homers by Tim Lincecum and Gary Carter led Montreal to a 4-1 victory over the New York Mets.

Dusty Baker's grand-slam home run gave Los Angeles a 5-4 victory over San Diego in the first game of a two-night doubleheader. But Terry Kennedy's three-run homer helped the Padres gain a split with a 6-4 victory in the second game. And, in a 12-inning affair in San Francisco, Charlie Leibrant's wild pitch allowed Johnnie Lemerster to sprint home with the run that gave the Giants a 7-6 victory over Cincinnati.

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Detroit	37	33	529	5
Cleveland	36	35	507	7
New York	33	30	471	10
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Western Division				
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Chicago	40	33	548	4
Seattle	40	36	526	5
Oakland	33	43	423	13
Texas	28	40	412	19
Minnesota	20	56	263	25

National League Eastern Division				
Philadelphia	42	33	560	—
St. Louis	43	34	556	1
Montreal	40	32	536	3
Pittsburgh	35	36	493	5
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New York	36	39	480	6
Chicago	29	48	377	14

Western Division				
Atlanta	45	29	608	—
San Diego	42	32	568	3
Los Angeles	41	37	526	6
San Francisco	35	42	453	11
Cincinnati	31	44	413	14
Houston	31	44	413	14

Wednesday's Games
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Today's Games
Group C — Argentina vs. Brazil 5.15 ITV JTV
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USSR beat Belgium 1-0

BARCELONA (Reuters). — The USSR beat Belgium 1-0 in their Group A match here last night, as the result of a deadly volley by Khoren Oganesyan in the third minute of the second half.

Although it was clear from then on that the Belgians had no hope of surviving in the World Cup, they went on battling till the final whistle for a consolation game and a draw, but the Soviet defence held firm.

The Russians are now tied with Poland with two points in the group, but have scored two goals less, and have to beat Poland in the final match of the group on Sunday at 9 p.m. if they are to get into the semi-finals of the tournament.

Argentina, Germany must win today

MADRID (Reuters). — Champions Argentina and former champions West Germany stand perilously close to World Cup elimination today, a prospect that has brought a bold response from the Argentine manager and signs of discontent from the German camp.

Argentina must beat Brazil in Barcelona's Surria Stadium today to retain any hope of reaching the semi-finals from Group "C".

Cesar Luis Menotti, Argentina's manager, takes a positive view of his side. "We cannot go into the match with the attitude that it's the end of our reign," he declared.

Menotti's main concern is the refereeing. "I only hope the referee is better than the one who 'controlled' the Italian game. He allowed 14 fouls on Maradona in the first half alone," Menotti claimed. Meanwhile, the West Germans, as they were in 1978, when they went out in the second round, appear to be afflicted by internal strife.

Uli Stielike, their experienced defender, gave a hint of the unrest with a critical assessment of West Germany's performance against England. "We played on the principle: 'stop a goal at the back and

God help us up front," said Stielike, who was cautioned for dangerous play in the England game. German coach, Jupp Derwall, said: "We won't play defensively and we won't rely on counter-attacks. We're simply going to win."

The Spaniards, relieved at avoiding the disgrace of first round elimination on home soil, could be more relaxed in the second round. "The pressure has gone," said Winger Roberto Lopez Ufarte. "If the Germans risk no more against us than against England and rely purely on defence, then 90,000 Spaniards will celebrate our victory."

Germany has to win to retain any hope of getting to the semi-finals. If Spain beats them, and gets at least a draw with England on Monday, Spain goes through. If Spain and Germany draw and England beats Spain, England enter the semi-finals. If all matches in this group are draws, goal difference will be decisive.

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From left, Chaim Herzog, Yeshayahu Gavish and Aharon Yariv (David Brauner, Shlomo Lavie, Ari Rath)

Deaf ear to criticism

CRITICISM — be it from members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee or demonstrators outside his office in the Jerusalem of Kirya — doesn't bother Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

He reportedly made that clear at one of his week's cabinet meetings, when he said: "If someone thinks they can break my spirit or that of the government by demonstrations or other protests, they'd better think again."

Nothing, he's said to have said, would sway his resolve "to do what has to be done in Lebanon."

ACTUALLY, Begin does not have to worry about hearing too much criticism on the air waves. TV news director Tuvia Sa'ar has taken care of that, issuing orders that while demonstrations can be covered, there should be no individual interviews with protesters. Those instructions provoked strong protests in the newsroom, with staffers complaining that he'd never imposed such a ban on Sinai anti-withdrawal zealots like Rabbi Israel Ariel of Yamit. Sa'ar's reply: "I want to protect our staff from accusations of being over-involved."

THE GOVERNMENT'S flank has also been protected by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, who has done his best to keep any hint of dissent from military commentators off the little screen. First there was the case of former chief-of-staff (and now Labour MK) Motta Gur, who reportedly was barred from delivering military analysis of the war because of his 20-year vendetta with Sharon. And Chaim Herzog, the most listened-to commentator in 1967 and 1973, has been notably absent from the TV and Hebrew radio programmes, appearing only on Kol Yisrael's English-language programme.

The latest to fall was Sharon's superior during the Six Day War, former O/C Southern Command Aluf (res.) Yeshayahu Gavish. He disappeared from the screens the day after he expressed doubts over the military moves to take over the Beirut-Damascus highway, mentioning the cost in casualties that involved. Gavish's replacement, Aluf (res.) Aharon (Arie) Yariv, was back in uniform for a while, as an aide to the O/C Northern Command. That posed no problem, since when he's mobilized he's barred from making political comment.

TELEVISION was also the subject of a protest this week by Ora Namir, the Labour head of the Knesset Education Committee. Hearing that the *Greetings from Galilee* show is to be continued as a regular feature on Educational TV, Namir claimed that would be tantamount to introducing a second channel, without public control.

According to Namir the programme, run jointly with Gali Zahal, would be answerable only to responsible ministers Sharon and Zevulun Hammer, whose old candidate for TV director, *Ha'aretz* writer Dan Margalit, appears in it.

Educational TV, Namir asserted, is designed to help the Israeli educational system, "and not some of the political parties."

ONE OF THE very few cabinet members who has stood up to Sharon is Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori. The former deputy defence minister was presented with a wall clock-and-map by Zvi Orbach, general manager of the *Golden Pages* telephone directory this week. When Orbach noted that the map "does not yet include Lebanon," Zipori snapped this reply: "And it's going to stay that way."

EDITOR Hanna Zemer of *Davar* is still awaiting a proper reply from Sharon's media counsel, Uri Dan, to her question on details of his boss's figures given on *Moked* more than a week ago according to which 1,002 Israelis and Jews had fallen victim to terrorist attacks. Checking over the past 15 and more years, she failed to reach such a figure. So she turned first to Foreign Ministry spokesman Avi Pazner, whose staff advised her to approach the Army Spokesman's office, who told her to go straight to the minister, which she did. Dan's immediate reaction was to ask "Are you once more casting suspicion on the minister?" However he promised to produce the answer in the coming week.

Zemer explained: "I thought that if Sharon mentioned such a specific number, it would be the easiest thing to produce the details." She is still waiting for Dan's call. Meanwhile, she told me of having

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Mark Segal

heard that Yitzhak Rabin is awaiting an answer to the same question which he has put to Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee chairman, Dr. Elihu Ben-Elissar.

I AM ADVISED on good authority that Sharon did his best to answer Rabin's query in his Knesset speech, which I am told was drafted by his chief strategic policy advisor, Aluf Avraham (Abrasha) Tamir. Some people in the know explained that Sharon was no longer on such close terms with his chief media counsellor, Uri Dan, apparently feeling that his abrasive approach to his old comrades in the media had brought him a critical press of late. Instead I hear that efforts are being made to bring in the other ex-*Ma'ariv* reporter in his entourage, Eli Landau, to bolster Sharon's image.

An inkling of the kind of image Dan has been trying to make for his boss is his telling foreign correspondents that Arik can be compared to Judah Macabee. Strange, we'd always thought the Sharonites preferred to borrow their historical models from Imperial Roman history.

READERS of *The Jerusalem Post* take notice — we'll soon have a new byline, Judy Siegel Itzkovitch. Our Judy was married yesterday, to Nahum Itzkovitch, at the Holyland Hotel in Jerusalem.

Among those attending were President Yitzhak Navon, who recited the first two blessings under the *huppa*, and Mrs. Ofira Navon; Jerusalem Deputy Mayor David Bergman; Yosef (Tommy) Lapid, director-general of the Broadcasting Authority; and Yehuda Dominitz, deputy head of the Jewish Agency's Aliya Department, and author Yigal Mossinson.

Judy, the daughter of the late Rabbi Norman Siegel and Mrs. Vivienne Siegel, carried on with the wedding despite the fact that her mother took ill in New York and was unable to attend. The Siegel family was represented by Rabbi Reuben and Mrs. Pearl Siegel. The bride's mother's family, part of which produces *Horowitz-Margaret* kosher products in the U.S., was also well represented.

By the way, Judy assures us that she'll remain "Judy Siegel" in the paper's news columns, and will use her full married byline on longer feature stories.

THE "VICTORY ALBUM" season has been launched now that Tel Aviv Exhibitions and Fairs head Ya'acov Bar-Gera asked Sharon for permission to organize a show celebrating the military operation in Lebanon, with booty on display for the paying public.

TOURISM MINISTER Avraham Sharir has this week really got the collective goat of the Jewish Agency Executive, accusing them in a speech to a Tel Aviv audience of hindering Israeli tourism. He even described the Agency as "a travel agency for its members, because they're always travelling to other countries to attend meetings."

He wants all Jewish organizations to hold their conventions in Israel. I am advised that Agency chairman Arye Dulzin has been trying to get an appointment for Agency members with the Minister on a number of occasions, but it seems Sharir was abroad so the appointment was put off each time. What has annoyed the Agency people was that Sharir's complaint came just after the solidarity conference here of the Agency and the special meeting of the governors.

Meantime Dulzin has cabled World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman urging that next month's WJC executive meeting be held in Jerusalem and not in Paris — the latter venue apparently to enable WJC Life President Dr. Nahum Goldmann to avoid having to come to Israel. I gather that Dulzin also took care to check on Bronfman's speech to the UN Disarmament Conference, advising him that the World Zionist Organization under its agreement with the WJC had veto rights over such policy declarations. The spirits tycoon's reply is unknown.

LIBERAL MK Yehuda Perach, who previously had called on Israelis to avoid spending their holidays in

Greece after the government of Premier Andreas Papandreu had taken such a strong anti-Israel stand, now has written a letter to Melina Mercouri, Perach's letter urges Mercouri, the Greek education minister, to come to Israel (and Lebanon) on a study tour before she continues with her violent denunciations of Operation Peace for Galilee.

IT WAS ONLY the second premiere of *A Woman Called Golda*, Paramount's made-for-TV \$4 million epic starring Ingrid Bergman. Mayor Teddy Kollek, who had been upset that the first showing had taken place the previous day in Tel Aviv, explained how that happened to the audience at the Jerusalem Theatre on Tuesday night — "It was an out-of-town try-out."

Among those attending the event, under the auspices of Lia Van Leer's Israel Film Archive and Cinematheque, were president Yitzhak Navon; Lou Kadar, Golda Meir's long-time confidant; and Simcha Dinitz, former director-general of Golda's Prime Minister's Office and later her ambassador to Washington. Dinitz, who is now vice-president of the Hebrew University, was asked how he felt about his portrayal on the screen, albeit in a cameo part. "I'm irrelevant," was the reply.

The "off-Jerusalem" premiere on the previous day was posher, with Mayor Shlomo (Chich) Lahat acting as master of ceremonies to a large crowd at the Tel Aviv Museum. Ignoring Golda's well-known request for no memorials, Chich announced that the city's new cultural facility would be named "Golda Centre," a la Lincoln Centre in New York and the Kennedy Centre in Washington. What he didn't say was that the idea had originated with Yitzhak Artzi, the Tel Aviv deputy mayor.

The ISL,000-a-place tickets were oversold, and Chich and Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Pat, were forced to sit on the steps.

Others in the audience included Golda's daughter Sara; maestro Zubin Mehta; Paramount executive and Golda executive producer Harve Bennett (on his first visit to Israel); Alan Gibson, the film's director; Leah Rabin, Rachel Dayan; Eli Horvitz, president of the Manufacturers' Association; Amnon Goldenberg, president of the Bar Association; Bank Leumi chairman Ernst Japhet; and some Israeli members of the cast, including Yosi Graber (who plays Moshe Dayan), and Shmuel Atzmon (Israel Galili).

THERE WAS hardly any below the rank of colonel present at Israel, Britain and Commonwealth Association vice-chairman John Furman's reception at his Tel Aviv home for Anglo-Israeli Association director Michael Tudor-Craig. Tudor-Craig was first here three years ago as a captain in the Royal Navy, in command of a squadron visiting Eilat.

Apart from Furman, who was a colonel in World War II, those present included British military attaché, Col. William Boucher, and Col. Colin Huxley, sent by the War Office to inspect the British MFO contingent. Other guests included No.2 at the British Embassy, Kieran Prendergast, Mayor Yosef Nevo of Herzliya, Herut central committee chairman Avraham Schechterman and his wife, the Hon. Judith Schechterman.

KNESSET Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee chairman Dr. Elihu Ben-Elissar was in Beirut in midweek, sharing the same car with his old pal, Government Press Office head Ze'ev Hefetz and Foreign Ministry spokesman Avi Pazner. Not wishing to crowd in with the other Israelis in the usual Beirut haunts, they looked elsewhere and found a fine fish restaurant called Sanket el-Pacha. As they entered this fashionable eatery, the proprietor approached the Knesset committee chairman and fumed the Israeli party by declaring "Aren't you Dr. Elihu Ben-Elissar? And weren't you Israeli Ambassador to Cairo?" It seems he saw him on Egyptian TV.

WEST GERMAN Ambassador Dr. Niels Hansen this week inaugurated a youth hostel at kibbutz Kfar Hahoresh, founded by survivors of the Holocaust. Since 1957 the kibbutz has been hosting young Germans. The new house, financed in part by the Christian Cultural Foundation of Bavaria, will accommodate 36 youngsters.

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

CONCERNED AS ISRAEL is about its sons, fathers and brothers in Lebanon, this country is also already responding to the war victims in that country. This humanitarian challenge poses problems. We must remember that people have pride and so offer the kind of help they will want, as well as being urgently needed. Funds are urgently needed to help rebuild and repair housing.

THE JERUSALEM POST is a founding member of the Jerusalem Interfaith Public Committee set up under the aegis of Mayor Teddy Kollek, to provide help for Lebanese citizens whose homes were damaged during recent military actions.

Money is needed for building materials, furniture and household goods so that these people can rebuild and re-equip their homes. Expert assistance will also be extended to get the work done as quickly as possible.

The campaign was inaugurated by contributions of IS100,000 each from *The Jerusalem Post*, Yona Mordechai and the King David Hotel, IS200,000 from Menashe Eliahar, and a reader, Anna Maria Joki has sent in IS300.

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Readers wishing to join the relief efforts for Lebanon should make out their cheques to *The Jerusalem Post Lebanon Campaign*. These, as well as contributions to *The Toy Fund* and "Forsake Me Not," should be addressed to *The Jerusalem Post*, P.O.B. 81, 91000 Jerusalem. Contributions will also be accepted at *The Jerusalem Post* Head Office, Industrial Zone, Roma.

BEFORE WE CLOSE the 33rd annual drive for *The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund*, we would like to achieve our goal of one million shekels. Over the past three weeks, we have received donations adding up to IS49,581.18, which have pushed the Toy Fund total to IS951,402.05. The goal is almost in sight.

We continue to be amazed by the volume of contributions from schoolchildren. Even though the major efforts of the Toy Fund are directed towards providing toys and games for sick and well children in foster care and government institutions at Hanukkah and Christmas, American Jewish schoolchildren identify with their less fortunate brothers and sisters in Israel throughout the whole year.

Marvin Green of New Jersey gives audio-visual presentations of "Shrines of the Holy Land," charging a fee on behalf of the Toy Fund. When he made an announcement to this effect at the Maple Shade Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the audience insisted on taking up a collection for him to transmit to Jerusalem.

Listing of Toy Fund and "Forsake Me Not" drive donors will be temporarily suspended while we direct all efforts to our latest fund-raising campaign on behalf of the civilian population of Lebanon.

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BACH — HANDEL: aria, duets and cantatas, with Gila Yaron, soprano; Mira Zakai, alto; Avner Biran, flute; George Haas, oboe; Alexander Kaganovsky, cello; and Zohar Neiman, harpsichord (Tel Aviv Museum, June 19).

THIS CONCERT included great music, elated singing and excellent instrumental performances, and, at the same time, dull and boring works (most of the Handel), vocal inefficiency and poor instrumental work.

Mira Zakai, with her full and exciting voice, reached heights of beauty and spiritual profundity in her solos from Bach's *Massa sedes* and *Agnus Dei*. Her diction, however, still needs improvement.

Gila Yaron's style of singing, on the other hand, is totally unacceptable.

One cannot possibly imagine a finer and more skillful oboist than George Haas, but in the Handel arias he overdid his task, covering everybody else. His oboe d'amore part in Bach's *Qui sedes*, however, was impeccable.

Flautist Avner Biran contributed a musically wasted Bach sonata.

While cellist Kaganovsky and harpsichord player Zohar Neiman acquitted themselves extremely well, the three string players in the Bach cantata did not.

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The most impressive batch of anonymous donations arrived in three IDF envelopes, which bore the stamp of the military censor and a postmark indicating that they had been sent in the middle of the war. For a soldier to be able to think of

"Forsake Me Not," *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund and the Tsofia Fund at such a time is truly remarkable, and yet another sign of the humanity that characterizes Israel's armed forces.

Another anonymous "Forsake Me Not" contribution came from our stalwart supporter in Clamaron, Kansas.

And speaking of stalwarts, the Brandenburger family of East London, South Africa, apparently have adopted "Forsake Me Not" as a cause with which to mark both joyful and sad family events. The bridge clubs are also continuing to send in regular contributions.

The largest contribution in our current "Forsake Me Not" list is IS152,500 contributed by the family and friends of Dalia (Delly) Perach on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Mrs. Perach, who is a resident of the Queen Juliana Parents Home in Herzliya, came to the outskirts of Jerusalem for a birthday celebration hosted by her son Itamar at his moshav home. She declined any personal gifts and asked everyone who wanted to give her something to channel their generosity towards the "Forsake Me Not" fund.

Together with Delly Perach's birthday gifts, contributions listed below total IS43,634.73, bringing the "Forsake Me Not" fund to IS1,314,644.69.

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IS25 Esther Sabshin, Florida. In honour of the 50th birthday of my brother-in-law, Ben Caplan, E. London, South Africa, Toronto, Canada. Vera Salomon, Kfar Sava.

IS200 Anonymous, Jerusalem. In honour of the 50th birthday of our beloved Dr. Alexander Wolf — from Ben and Yael Wolf. In memory of Moshe "Fuzal" Dorey.

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Refugee aid scheme needed, Eliav tells government

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Following a two-week study of the problems of the Palestinian refugees in South Lebanon, former MK Arie Eliav has proposed that the government send a team of experts to work out a comprehensive programme for refugee rehabilitation.

Eliav, who carried out his survey while in the reserves, said that he had submitted a preliminary report and recommendations to the Defence Ministry, and that it was now up to the cabinet to decide whether to follow them up with a more thorough examination of the problem.

He said that if such a team of experts was set up, he would be prepared to head it. Eliav acquired considerable experience in the rehabilitation and resettlement of refugees in Iran and Nicaragua, and headed the Lachish settlement project in Israel in the 1950s.

He confirmed estimates made by UNRWA (and reported in *The Jerusalem Post*) that about 50 per cent of the houses and facilities in the six refugee camps near Tyre and Sidon had been destroyed in the recent fighting. Some of the camps were almost completely wiped out, while others suffered only minor damage.

Eliav said that his proposals focused on immediate aid and rehabilitation, and did not deal with resettlement.

The head of the office for aid to war victims in Lebanon, under Minister Ya'acov Meridor, said last week that the government was considering relocating the homeless refugees in permanent housing. UNRWA said that some 50,000 Palestinians lived in the camps, and another 60,000 registered refugees resided in towns and villages near Tyre and Sidon.

Electric company bypasses general manager

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The board of the Israel Electric Corporation yesterday bypassed the general manager because it considered him an obstacle to restoring peaceful labour relations in the company and asked the board chairman to take over negotiations with the workers.

The works committee refused to talk to general manager Eytan Jacobson because they think he is out to break them. He had rejected, with government backing, their demand for continued automatic upgrading.

Jacobson said last night that if board chairman David Haguel can bring the two-month long labour dispute to an end, he saw no reason to oppose the board's decision.

The board also called on the workers to end the dispute immediately and rejected outright their committee's attempts to determine who should manage the company.

The workers have suspended their sanctions since the start of the Lebanon war, but the men at the new Hadera power plant are con-

Bank of Israel rates of exchange

July 1, 1982	IS
U.S. dollar	24.2401
British sterling	41.9814
German mark	9.8226
French franc	3.5400
Dutch guilder	8.8873
Swiss franc	11.5196
Swedish krona	3.9650
Norwegian krone	3.8534
Danish krone	2.8385
Finnish mark	5.1204
Canadian dollar	24.7310
Australian dollar	21.1555
South African rand	5.1487
Belgian franc (10)	13.9419
Austrian schilling (10)	1.7470
Italian lire (100)	9.4559
Japanese yen (100)	68.60
Jordanian dinar	4.76
Lebanese lira	4.76

Money Matters

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN,
TEL AVIV. — The week's activities on the share market ended on a mixed note. Trading turnovers dwindled considerably and were just under 152,400 million. Earlier in the day, in the "continuous trading" session, prices were mostly unchanged.

The index-linked bond market continued to inch higher with gains of about 0.5 per cent. Trading was somewhat more active at just over 151,370 m.

Shares end mixed on low volume

The shekel after its strong performance on Wednesday weakened once again. It was devalued by 16 agorot in trading against the dollar.

The commercial banks maintained their upward trend. Israeli General was up by 2.2 per cent while Maritime 0.5 was 3.1 per cent higher.

In the mortgage bank group, Binyan was a 10.1 per cent gainer

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

while the option was 5.3 per cent lower.

Israel Electric, in the services group, was dimmed for a 10 per cent loss. Rapac 0.5, however, was 8.5 per cent higher.

A mixed trend prevailed in the land development and real estate group. Israel Citrus Plantations

was "sellers only" while Neot Aviv was climbing 4.4 per cent.

There was swinging two-way action in the industrial sector. The Alaska-Sportlife shares and option all wound up as sellers only.

Argaman Pref. (R) was up 8.1 per cent while the bearer share was clipped for a 9.8 per cent loss. Zikit 1.0 was in demand and rose by 7.1 per cent. Teva (B) was 8.1 per cent higher. Zion Cable 1.0 found the going rough and was dropped for a 10 per cent loss.

Commercial Banks & Bankholding

Closing price	Volume	Change	Change in %
1011	2.0	n.c.	n.c.
1012	12.1	-14	-1.4
1013	13.5	+2	+0.2
1014	25.2	+2	+0.8
1015	5	n.c.	n.c.
1016	10.0	+200	+2.0
1017	10.5	+1	+0.1
1018	0.4	n.c.	n.c.
1019	18.2	-100	-5.5
1020	37.9	-12	-0.3
1021	4.7	-0.3	-6.4
1022	78.8	n.c.	n.c.
1023	4.0	+104	+2.6
1024	36.9	n.c.	n.c.
1025	20.2	-30	-1.5
1026	3.0	+30	+1.0
1027	2.0	n.c.	n.c.
1028	1.0	n.c.	n.c.
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Europe's raspy voice

WHEN Operation Peace for Galilee was launched, nearly four weeks ago, the heaviest barrage of criticism against Israel's invasion of Lebanon in pursuit of the PLO issued not from the Arab world, nor from the Soviet bloc, but from Western Europe. The continent that was supposed to be the friendliest towards this country, after North America, turned against it with unprecedented fury.

The hope of a new rapprochement with Western Europe, raised earlier in the year, appeared to have been completely snuffed out. The ten members of the European Community promptly denounced the Israeli action in Lebanon as unjustified. "It constitutes a flagrant violation of international law," they decided, "and of the most basic humanitarian principles. Furthermore, it compromises the efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the problem of the Middle East and creates the imminent danger of a generalised conflict."

Not only jointly but severally, too, the governments of Western Europe took ferocious potshots at Israel. The most savage in its attitude was nearby Greece, the only EEC country that has granted the PLO formal recognition.

But France, the beguiter of Lebanon, was not very far behind. Decrying what it called Israel's "suicidal" tendencies, France bewailed the injury to Lebanon's sovereignty and independence. The rape of Lebanon's sovereignty and independence for years by the PLO and the Syrians was hardly mentioned. To compensate for the hard knocks the supposedly moderate PLO was receiving from Israel, France embraced it more fervently than ever before.

There were no sanctions voted by the Ten, but their collective wrath was signified by the suspension of the signing of an "assistance protocol, and with one exception the members of the community found something or other in their relations with Israel to cancel — whether the scheduled meeting of the French-Israeli cultural committee, or whatever. The exception was West Germany.

Against this backdrop of studied hostility, the statement put out by the Ten on Lebanon this week has come almost as a relief. West European fury may have subsided somewhat since it became clear that there was no danger of any "generalised conflict" being set off from Lebanon, and as the original allegations of a "massacre" failed to be substantiated by factus reports.

In any case, leaders of the European community appeared to be regaining a measure of composure about Lebanon. Thus, they repeated their "vigorous condemnation" of Israel's invasion. But Greece's call for economic sanctions was rejected, as was Britain's proposal for an arms embargo. On the issue of West Beirut, the Ten now called for a simultaneous withdrawal of Israeli and Palestinian forces. On the long-term issue of a peaceful settlement, they suggested the "departure of all foreign forces from Lebanon," except those authorized by the legitimate, and fully sovereign, government of Lebanon: a formula fully agreeable to Israel and the U.S.

At the same time the Ten in effect reaffirmed the Venice Declaration of two years ago, with its emphasis on the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination. They went no further, and avoided a specific call for the setting up of a Palestinian state: this had been proposed by France and Greece, but opposed by West Germany and Holland. The latter two — to whose heads of government Premier Begin might consider sending messages of thanks — also opposed mention of the PLO as an organization which should be associated with the peace process. But on this they were overruled.

That is unfortunate. For as long as the Europeans — pressed by France — do not distinguish between the PLO and Palestinian national aspirations they can have no effective dialogue with Israel. And this is true whether Israel is headed by a Likud or Labour Government.

Certainly a principal lesson that Europe should learn from the war in Lebanon is that the PLO has been an obstacle to resolving the Palestinian question. Its hijacking of Lebanon allowed the PLO to strut manfully on the international stage and mount raids against Israel. But resolution of conflict could not derive from that.

Only when Europe jettisons its queer sense that it can shove the PLO down the throat of Israel, Lebanon, Jordan and perhaps some other Arab countries as well — as a way of bringing peace to the Middle East — will Europe's voice count for anything.

A question of confidence

By YOSEF GOELL

fall of the Golda Meir-Moshe Dayan government — the criticism then surfaced only after the fighting.

It is important to understand some of the causes of the present situation and to attempt to draw some conclusions from it.

It had been clear to everyone for months that Israel was preparing to react in force to the continued PLO build-up in Southern Lebanon, which was proceeding apace under the twin immunities of the U.S.-engineered cease-fire of July 1981 and of the partly ineffective, partly cynical UNIFIL forces. The public was prepared for a large-scale repetition of the Litani Campaign, hopefully without its faults.

Had the campaign lasted for 48 to

with the Arab enemy and one that has realistic, even though regrettable prospects of engaging in a number of future wars, we come to grips with the moral questions raised by those casualties.

The present unease, however, goes far beyond that one morally critical question. There is a growing feeling that the situation has run out of control; that Israel's best, wisest and coolest minds are not the ones in control.

It is not unreasonable in a war situation to change goals in mid-battle in response to unforeseen but promising opportunities that arise in the course of the fighting. Nor is it reprehensible to resort to a policy of conscious disinformation and obfuscation to confuse the enemy and

with the Yom Kippur War. It has simply not been enough in recent years for a prime minister, a minister of defence or a chief of staff to assert that something is so and to be automatically believed.

Persuasion and leadership is needed to restore such public confidence, and these commodities have been in short supply in recent years — and not only the years that Menachem Begin has been at the helm.

THERE HAS BEEN a growing feeling that the goals of the war — its zigs and zags and the manner of its prosecution — have been very much the brainchild of one man, Ariel Sharon, with Begin serving with only partial effectiveness as a fitful brake.

Begin and Sharon. This has made it difficult for politicians to overcome peace-time animosities in favour of wartime cooperation.

I am purposely refraining from commenting on the specific issues that are on everyone's mind this week. Should we go into West Beirut to extirpate the PLO from its last strongholds or should we hold off? Should we have pushed to cut the Damascus-Beirut highway at Aley and Bhamdoun at the cost of close to two score dead, or should we have stopped short of that blood-letting?

I find it shocking that such questions are being openly debated by people who are as ignorant as I am of the facts and of the broad implications of those military questions. Ignorance, to be sure, never stopped any Israeli worth his salt from weighing in with his unconsidered opinion.

OF ONE THING I am quite certain: the atmosphere of confusion and of malaise is directly related to a breakdown in confidence in the judgment and probity of the few men who have been making the decisions in the last four weeks.

Given the bankruptcy of the cabinet and of the Knesset in this regard, there is much room to consider again the wisdom of the Agranat Commission's recommendation for the establishment of a national security council to act as a non-partisan overseer of the most crucial elements of our government, those connected with the questions by which we will live or die.

There are certainly more than enough Israelis with enviable political and military backgrounds, and with reputations for wisdom and a sense of national responsibility that overrides their political partisanship, to populate several such councils.

The events of the last four weeks are the best argument for its establishment.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

'There is a growing feeling that Israel's best, wisest and coolest minds are not the ones in control'

72 hours, pushing the PLO Katyushas back beyond the 40-km line, and had our casualties been kept down to the score or so of the first few days, internal criticism would have been limited — and, more important, would have been delayed.

IN ALL likelihood, such criticism would have eventually focused on the question of the civilian casualties among the Lebanese civilians, the Palestinians in the camps and the physical destruction in their cities.

Truth to tell, Israelis, due to the military censor and to the policy of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, have not yet become fully aware of the magnitude of these casualties and of that destruction.

It is crucial that, as a nation which has been involved in five wars

even those "friends" with a history of contributing to the transmutation of Israeli battlefield victories into political defeats.

Such practices can be useful if they are limited in duration and — what is more important to a democratic nation with a citizen army fighting close to home — if they lead to clear successes within a short time.

Neither of those conditions have been met. The result has been a boomerang effect of disorientation and confusion at home resulting from deeply based suspicions of confusion and possibly even duplicity at the top.

It should have been clear to every political and military leader in Israel that Israel's unquestioned confidence in the country's political and military leaders evaporated

The Begin cabinet, which in the best of days has been an intellectual wasteland of awesome intellect, has been useless except as a pretext for Sharon's claims of unprecedented consultation on all of his moves.

And the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee has proved to be just as useless.

Here, the fault lies equally with the Likud leadership and with that of the internally riven Labour Alignment, which has never come to terms with its place in opposition and which has been unable to curb the visceral hate some of its members have for the Begin government and for anything it does.

A GOOD DEAL of the present internal division in popular opinion can also be attributed directly to the politics of polarization practised by

READERS' LETTERS

NATIONAL UNITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As we listen to the strange, totally unfounded accusations against our Minister of Defence and watch the "leaves" of sympathy some of our opposition spokesmen, like Yossi Sarid, Shulamit Aloni, the Sheli leaders and several professional "bleeding hearts" amongst the Israeli intellectuals shed publicly, of course, in expensive press notices) over the "lost purity of Israeli arms" in our Peace for Galilee Operation, we, ordinary citizens of no party affiliation, ask ourselves: whom do these self-advertising, self-appointed judges of our beleaguered nation represent?

Not their constituents, as was proved amply by Mapam M.K. Imri Ron's appearance on TV. Arriving straight from the front, he warned all the above-mentioned anti-Sharon campaigners that their slanders and belittling of our forces' achievements might, in the end, harm our boys' morale.

All of us have friends, neighbours and colleagues who belong to the "leftist" or "opposition" camp. Has any of them uttered such vicious condemnation or cast doubt on the integrity either of our leadership or of our fighting men?

Whatever reservation or criticism of this or that action of our government we, as members of an ultra-democratic society may have, there is enough common sense knowledge of the enemy we have been fighting for over 30 years and elementary solidarity in our sorely tried people to disassociate ourselves from this suicidal attack on those who planned and executed the Peace for Galilee Operation.

PNINA GOLDNER
Kiryat Haim.

CHRISTIAN GRATITUDE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As a Christian, I wish to express my unbounded gratitude to Israel for the liberation of Lebanon, a task all countries shirked. To actually witness the destruction of the horrid weapons of war and bear of fields and crops to be planted, has been, to me, most beautiful, reminding me of the scripture engraved on a stone at the Good Fence (Micah 4:3): "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares." May the Christian countries at least rally now to help Israel with the restoration.

The compassion and behaviour of the Israeli forces has been admirable — a unique example to all the world. Such conduct could only come from a people who have suffered themselves and fought six unwanted wars.

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DOUBLETHINK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — British technology has done it again! The folks that brought you colonialism, gunboats and Lawrence of Arabia, have achieved yet another amazing breakthrough — "Doublethink" is a reality now, two full years in advance of the schedule set by Orwell.

In the current unpleasantness, the PLO is analogous to the British Falklanders, according to Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Pym, while the action of Israel is to be identified with the Argentine invasion.

Maybe there is something to this analysis. I myself, I confess, have heretofore thought of the PLO in terms of the lunatic fringe of the IRA Provisional Wing. But if the British colonists are in fact like the PLO, then one can only say "Viva las Malvinas Libres."

STAN GOODMAN
Kiryat Tivon.

POSTSCRIPTS

A JERUSALEM reader, H.B., spotted this item in a Miami, Florida newspaper, headlined "Hebrew: National Language of the U.S."

DURING the American Revolution, a movement was launched to replace English with Hebrew as the official language of the new nation.

In 1776, anything associated with the British monarchy had a bad taste to the American rebels. Hebrew, on the other hand, was held in high regard by the former colonists, who viewed it as the mother of all languages, the key to the scriptures and the cornerstone of a liberal education.

They had named their towns after those cited in the Bible such as Salem and Bethlehem, and their children were named after biblical figures. Until 1817, annual commencement addresses at Harvard were delivered in Hebrew, and at Yale the language was required for freshmen. Many lower schools also stressed Hebrew.

Several members of the new Congress reportedly urged that English be banned altogether and replaced by Hebrew. Though the idea never caught on, Hebrew remained a required course at many major American universities well into the 19th century.

THE RE-CREATION of a Passover observance typical of early Christian times was one of the highlights of a recently concluded course sponsored by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for about 20 participants — graduate students, nuns and priests — from the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, Canada.

Led by Dr. Maureen Fritz, professor of Religious Education and Pastoral Theology, the group's home base in Israel was the Sisters of Zion Monastery in Jerusalem's Ein Karem quarter.

For the Hebrew University, the programme director was Mr. Herbert Weinberg, head of the Department of Special Academic Programmes in the Rothberg School for Overseas Students on the University's Mount Scopus campus.

The programme consisted of two courses: "Judaism and Christianity," and "Archeology and Biblical History in Israel." Each course was made up of formal classroom sessions and field trips appropriate to the subject matter. Thus, there were excursions to sites such as Masada, the Qumran caves, the City of David excavations and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City.

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